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To: Commission

From: Commission Staff

Date: May 24, 2023

Re: Second Complaint by William Clardy - Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee

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On March 20, 2023, Mr. William Clardy filed a second complaint, which alleges the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (“DLCC”) failed to register and file campaign finance reports as a political action committee (“PAC”) and has not met the requirements to keep certain records. In 2022, DLCC made large contributions to four PACs in Maine. DLCC maintains that it was not required to register as a PAC because it met the terms of an exemption that applies to some donors.

Mr. Clardy’s complaint focuses on two websites organized by the DLCC. He argues DLCC is not entitled to the donor exemption because (1) the DLCC received contributions through the websites for the purpose of influencing the 2022 Maine candidate elections, and (2) its payments to staff to maintain these websites were expenditures to influence Maine elections. The Commission staff recommends against determining that DLCC is a PAC. We believe DLCC has effectively rebutted the claim that it received contributions and we accept DLCC’s view that its staff time spent on the webpages related to Maine was nominal.

### **Relevant Laws and Rule (ETH 183-189)**

#### Commission Initiation of Investigation

*Request from others.* The Commission is required to review every request to investigate an alleged violation of campaign finance law and to conduct an “investigation if the reasons stated for the request show sufficient grounds for believing that a violation may have occurred.” 21-A M.R.S. § 1003(2).

#### Definition of Political Action Committee

A PAC includes “Any person, including any corporation or association, other than an individual, that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating more than \$2,500 in a

calendar year for the purpose of influencing the election of a candidate to political office. 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(5)(A)(1)

#### Requirement to Register and Exceptions for Out-of-State Committees

Maine Election Law contains a separate subsection applicable to organizations registered as a political committee in other jurisdictions. The subsection contains a similar registration requirement and donor exemption. 21-A M.R.S. § 1053-B.

#### Definition of Exempt Donor

An exempt donor does not have to register as a PAC. An exempt donor is defined as “a person that has not received contributions for the purpose of influencing a campaign in the prior 2 years and whose only payments of money to influence a campaign in the prior 2 years are:

- A. Contributions of money to candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees registered with the commission or a municipality; or
- B. Payments for goods or services with an aggregate value of no more than \$100,000 contributed to candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees registered with the commission or a municipality.”

21-A M.R.S. § 1052(3-A).

#### Definition of Expenditure

The term “expenditure” includes “a purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or gift of money anything of value made for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign,” and “a contract, promise, or agreement, expressed or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make any expenditure for the purposes set forth in this paragraph.” 21-A M.R.S. §§ 1052(4)(A)(1)&(2).

#### Definition of Contribution

The term “contribution” includes “A gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value made to or received by a committee for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign.” 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(3)(A).

#### **Complaint (ETH 1-30)**

Mr. Clardy’s March 20, 2023 complaint contends DLCC was required to register as a Maine PAC. He argues DLCC did not meet the terms of the donor exemption for two reasons. First, he asserts websites organized by the DLCC specifically fundraised to influence the 2022

Maine elections. Second, he argues that DLCC’s payments to its employees to create pages on these websites promoting or opposing Maine candidates should be viewed as expenditures for the purpose of influencing the 2022 Maine candidate elections.

One of the websites, [www.dlcc.org](http://www.dlcc.org), contained short profiles or spotlights of some 2022 candidates in Maine. In this memo, the Commission staff will refer to these as “spotlight” pages. As examples, please refer to the spotlight pages for two 2022 State Senate candidates, [Jill Duson](#) and [Stacey Brenner](#). ETH 154-157.

Another website organized by the DLCC, [www.republicaninsurrectionists.co](http://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co), was dedicated to highlighting Republican legislators and 2022 candidates who supported or defended the January 6, 2022 “insurrection.” The website contains a single page that lists 39 Republican legislative candidates in Maine. The page is entitled [Maine Threats](#). ETH 12-18. Mr. Clardy also relies on a [September 22, 2023 press release](#) that promoted the Maine Threats page. ETH-10. He argues that the language in the press release, “elect Democrats,” in combination with the clear identification of Republican candidates in the [Maine Threats](#) page constitutes express advocacy in support of Democratic candidates.

Mr. Clardy argues that, regardless of cost, paying for communications containing express advocacy means that DLCC was not an exempt donor. Additionally, because some of pages contained fundraising requests with Maine-centered language, DLCC is unable to claim the out-of-state committee exception to PAC registration. This financial activity, combined with DLCC’s donations of more than \$1.3 million to other registered PACs in Maine, required DLCC to register as a PAC, file campaign finance reports with the Commission, and meet recordkeeping requirements.

Mr. Clardy submitted an “addendum” on May 12, 2023 alerting the Commission that [www.dlcc.org](http://www.dlcc.org) contained at least 14 more spotlight pages of Maine candidates. The addendum also provided other press releases and webpages which he asserts promote Democratic candidates. ETH 119-179.

### **Response by DLCC (ETH 31-118, 180-182)**

On behalf of DLCC, Elias Law Group submitted a May 2, 2023 response to the complaint (ETH 31-118) and a May 23, 2023 letter responding to Mr. Clardy’s addendum. ETH 180-182. DLCC maintains it qualified as an exempt donor as defined in 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(3-A).

DLCC responded that the creation of the webpages were not expenditures as there was essentially no additional cost associated with them. The websites are on domains purchased and owned by DLCC for its nationwide work. The staff who worked on these sites and pages are salaried staff, and their time is not tracked or prorated among the more than 1,000 candidates mentioned. Thus, DLCC contends, any costs associated with these pages were “so nominal as not to be ‘anything of value.’”

DLCC explains it routinely spotlights candidates via its websites, which it did with a handful of Maine candidates out of 372 total candidate endorsements in 2022. DLCC notes the fundraising links on the candidate endorsement sites went directly to Maine candidates or PACs, and DLCC did not receive any money from these links. The “donate” links on [the republicaninsurrectionists.co](https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co) went directly to DLCC, but DLCC asserts it never fundraised specifically for Maine, as the donation page stated, “Your grassroots donation will help provide state Democrats with the resources, staff, and technology to win elections at the state level,” and “The Stop the Insurrectionists Fund will support the DLCC’s efforts to elect Democrats to state legislatures nationwide.”

The DLCC claims the effectively free use of their websites for their Maine candidate spotlights and statements of its concerns of almost 1,000 Republican candidates nationwide does not constitute an expenditure and disputes the assertion it fundraised specifically to influence Maine candidates or elections. DLCC remains steadfast in its contention it was an exempt donor during the 2022 election and was not required to register as a PAC.

### **Staff Analysis**

In 2022, the DLCC’s primary financial role in influencing Maine elections was making \$1.3 million in contributions to:

- its affiliated PAC, the American Leadership Committee – Maine, for purposes of funding IEs supervised by DLCC staff, and
- three other PACs in Maine dedicated to promoting Democratic candidates.

To the best of our knowledge, DLCC’s contributions were appropriately reported by the PACs that received the funds.

DLCC believes it was not a PAC because it qualified as an exempt donor, which is defined as:

a person that has not received contributions for the purpose of influencing a campaign in the prior 2 years and whose only payments of money to influence a campaign in the prior 2 years are:

A. Contributions of money to candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees registered with the commission or a municipality; or

B. Payments for goods or services with an aggregate value of no more than \$100,000 contributed to candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees registered with the commission or a municipality.

21-A M.R.S. § 1052(3-A).

Mr. Clardy argues that DLCC is not entitled to this exemption for two reasons:

- DLCC's received contributions to influence Maine elections, and
- DLCC paid some of its employees to produce content on [www.dlcc.org](http://www.dlcc.org) and [www.republicaninsurrectionists.co](http://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co) promoting Maine candidates,

The Commission staff appreciates Mr. Clardy's points, but we recommend against a determination that DLCC was a PAC.

#### DLCC did not Receive Contributions for the Purpose of Influencing Maine Elections

The staff believes that DLCC has effectively rebutted the charge that it *received* contributions for purposes of influencing the 2022 Maine elections. With regard to the Maine candidate spotlight pages on the dlcc.org website, DLCC explains it received no money from the donate buttons on these pages. According to DLCC, all of the contributions were received by Maine candidates or Maine PACs unaffiliated with the DLCC. Please refer to the chart on pages 2-3 of Elias Law Group's May 23, 2023 letter. This seems conclusive.

The [Maine threats webpage](#) contains no fundraising language related to Maine. ETH 12-18. The entire [www.republicaninsurrectionists.co](http://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co) website contains a red Donate button at the top of each screen. Clicking on the button leads the user to a fundraising page that includes no

references to Maine. Rather, users are advised the contribution will promote DLCC’s general mission:

### Join the fight! Chip in today.

Your grassroots donation will help provide state Democrats with the resources, staff, and technology to win elections at the state level — but it all depends on your support.

Can you make a donation today?

### Choose an amount:

Your contribution will benefit Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee.

\$10	\$25	\$50	\$100
\$250	\$500	\$1,000	\$ <input type="text"/>

The Commission staff concludes that in 2022 DLCC did not receive contributions from the two websites for the purpose of influencing Maine candidate elections.

### Staff Time of DLCC Working on Websites

This is the first occasion that the Commission staff can recall in which someone has brought a complaint about an unregistered PAC based on unreported compensation paid by an organization to its employees in preparing promotional website content about candidates. The issue probably has not come up because PAC registration in Maine is triggered by \$2,500 in spending and websites promoting Maine candidates are unlikely to cost that much.

*Staff costs per candidate were nominal.* The DLCC explains that its salaried employees produced the websites and there was no additional cost to create the pages referring to 2022 Maine candidates. In the opinion of the Commission staff, this is an interpretation of the law that should be given serious consideration. Because of this factor alone, had the DLCC consulted with the Commission’s Political Committee and Lobbyist Registrar in the fall of 2022, she would have likely advised that these costs were not expenditures.

Even if the Commission is inclined to attribute some cost to the employee time, the Commission staff accepts the DLCC’s contention that the amounts per candidate are nominal. As examples, we recommend examining the DLCC spotlight pages for two candidates for Maine Senate, [Jill Duson](#) and [Stacey Brenner](#), (ETH 154-157), and considering how much DLCC staff time went into each page. The pages appear to rely on a common template that involves entering a photo of the candidate and inserting a few sentences summarizing the candidate’s background or positions. It would not be time-consuming to locate this type of content on publicly accessible webpages such as the candidate’s own campaign website and enter this content into the DLCC template. It might take as little as 15 or 30 minutes per candidate.

The [Maine threats webpage](#) contains minimal content about each of the 39 candidates who are listed. The references to each Maine candidate contain only one or two bullet points of text. Most of the bullet points relate to a single vote on a resolution in the Maine Legislature to condemn the January 6, 2022 insurrection. Only two candidate photos are featured.

The Commission staff questions whether DLCC should fall outside the donor exemption because of the expenditure of nominal staff time on each candidate.

*Spending thresholds exist in campaign finance law for a reason.* As noted in the staff memo for the other complaint by Mr. Clardy, Maine Election Law contains numerous examples of campaign finance activity that is unitemized *or not even reported* because the activity is nominal and provides little additional information concerning who is spending what to influence elections. These thresholds are important. They balance the informational needs of the Maine public with the administrative burdens on candidates and political committees in keeping records (such as tracking staff time) and in filing financial reports with the Commission.

For example, express advocacy communications to voters do not need to be reported as IEs if they cost \$250 or less per candidate. 21-A M.R.S. § 1019-B(4). Organizations can spend as much as \$2,500 to influence candidate elections without needing to register and file reports as a PAC. § 1052(5)(A). Membership organizations can send express advocacy communications to their members without financial reporting as long as the amount spent per candidate does not exceed \$100. 21-A M.R.S. § 1019-A.

The Commission staff agrees with ALC it would be administratively burdensome to prorate staff time across the 372 candidates highlighted in dlcc.org or the 1,000 candidates mentioned on www.republicaninsurrectionists.co. In applying the donor exception in this case, we recommend the Commission give weight to the rationale for these spending thresholds. Given the unique circumstances of this case (very large cash contributions and nominal use of staff time), we recommend against determining DLCC is a PAC.

*Fairness to DLCC.* The Commission staff believes concluding that DLCC was a PAC based on staff time raises two fairness concerns. The first issue is predictability in applying the law. Had the DLCC consulted with the Commission's Political Committee and Lobbyist Registrar whether the costs should be considered reportable expenditures, she would have replied they were not because there was essentially no additional cost to the DLCC to produce these webpages. The Commission does not have to accept this view, of course, but the fact that the

relevant Commission employee would have offered this advice based on current law and policies suggests it may be unfair to expect the DLCC to have reached a different conclusion.

Second, dozens of Maine and national organizations post information about candidates on their websites in the summer or fall of an election year. The information appears in different formats, such as:

- limited profiles of the candidate (for example, [Jill Duson](#) or [Stacey Brenner](#)),
- scorecards that rate candidates on their positions or votes in the Legislature (several Maine associations publish scorecards), or
- positive comments about candidates that link to the candidates' campaign websites or their fundraising platforms.

If the Commission expects the DLCC to track its staff time preparing its webpages, associations in Maine with limited staff would need to be held to the same standard. The staff is concerned that finding DLCC in violation in this matter would unfairly single out DLCC for enforcement when dozens of other organizations may have engaged in similar activities in 2022.

*Opening the door to complaints.* As a practical concern, the Commission is concerned that concluding the DLCC's compensation to staff creating its webpages are reportable expenditures could invite a flood of complaints.

*Express Advocacy.* The Commission staff agrees with counsel for the DLCC that the press releases such as the [September 22, 2023 Maine threats announcement](#) do not convert the corresponding websites into express advocacy. Presumably, the press releases were sent directly to members of the press and were not received directly by Maine voters. We believe the 9/22/2023 press release should be viewed as a separate communication from the [www.republicaninsurrectionist.co](http://www.republicaninsurrectionist.co) website that it promotes. Although the [Maine Threats](#) webpage refers to 39 individuals as "candidates," the page does not contain the explicit urging of a vote for or against a candidate that defines express advocacy. ETH 188-189.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the Commission staff understands Mr. Clardy's point of view which is reasonably based on the language in the donor exception. Nevertheless, given the balancing of interests underlying Maine campaign finance law, we recommend against determining that DLCC was a PAC.



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Subject: Complaint against Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee

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Mr. Wayne,

I am filing a complaint against the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (DLCC) for violating Maine’s financial reporting requirements for political action committees. Although it arises out of information uncovered as part of my complaint regarding violations by American Leadership Committee – Maine (ALC – Maine), this complaint is separate from that complaint and is directed at the DLCC itself as the violating entity.

Specifically, I am complaining that the DLCC:

1. Failed to register as a political action committee in the state of Maine despite actively and directly campaigning in Maine legislative elections,
2. Failed to comply with Maine’s reporting requirements throughout the 2-year reporting cycle starting on January 1, 2022, and
3. Is very likely to have violated Maine’s recordkeeping requirements.

### **The DLCC failed to register as a political action committee**

In 2022, the DLCC contributed at least \$1.38 million to political action committees registered in Maine as part of their self-declared mission (“The DLCC recruits, trains, and supports local Democrats running for their state legislatures.”<sup>1</sup>). That amount is based solely upon contributions already reported by four recipient committees (Maine Strong, the Maine House Democratic Campaign Committee, ALC – Maine, and the Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, in increasing order), and therefore represents a minimum credible amount, subject to revision upwards (especially regarding ALC – Maine). With their first known contribution of 2022 –\$10,000

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dlcc.org/our-team/>, retrieved March 12, 2023.

reported by the Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee on February 2, 2022 – the DLCC passed the dollar threshold specified in 21-A M.R.S. §1052-A early in the year.

21-A M.R.S. §1053-B exempts out-of-state political action committees from registering in the state of the Maine only if they meet two specific requirements. A committee which does not meet both requirements cannot qualify for the exemption. Those requirements are:

1. The committee's only financial activity within the State is to make contributions to candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees registered with the commission or a municipality; and
2. The committee has not raised and accepted any contributions during the calendar year to influence a campaign in Maine.

According to the Ethics Commission's published guidelines, "An out-of-state PAC that has received contributions or made expenditures for the purpose of influencing an election in Maine must register as a PAC in Maine and file campaign finance reports in accordance with the Commission's procedures."<sup>2</sup>

The Commission's guidebook also includes a short list of commonly-overlooked categories of expenditures:<sup>3</sup>

- Paid staff time or paid consultants and pollsters or other personal services costs
- Travel reimbursements.
- Fundraising expenses.
- Website set-up, design, and maintenance costs.

On September 20, 2022, the DLCC announced on a fresh launching of a DLCC-funded website site, <https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co>. The DLCC claimed, "The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee was the first and only entity committed to identifying, tracking, and condemning the hundreds of Republican state lawmakers who aided and abetted Trump's attempt to overturn the 2020 presidential election."<sup>4</sup> The DLCC announcement also called out three 2022 Republican candidates for the Maine Legislature by name, and quoted then-DLCC Executive Director Heather Williams:

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<sup>2</sup> Maine Ethics Commission, [2022 PAC Guidebook](#), p.. 6

<sup>3</sup> Maine Ethics Commission, [2022 PAC Guidebook](#), p.. 15

<sup>4</sup> <https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-at-least-23-of-maine-republican-legislative-candidates-pose-active-threat-to-our-democracy/>, retrieved March 12, 2023.

The surest way to protect democracy and beat back the MAGA movement in 2022 is to elect Democrats in Maine and to statehouses all across the country.

A screen capture of the announcement is included on page 1 of the “DLCC Maine Election Screen Captures” attachment.

The DLCC announcement also includes a link to the [“Maine Threats” page](#) which had been added to the DLCC-operated web-site. The Maine Threats page features a list of 39 Republican 2022 general-election candidates for the Maine Legislature. A series of 8 screen captures depicting the full “Maine Threat” page is included on pages 2-9 of the attached PDF.

Executive Director Williams’ exhortation to “elect Democrats in Maine,” accompanied by a list of three clearly identified Republican candidates (for SD 14, SD 20, and HD 149), and a link to a longer list containing those three candidates plus 36 other clearly-identified Republican candidates is a very close match to one of the examples of “expressly advocate” (“‘vote Pro-Life’ or ‘vote Pro-Choice’ accompanied by a listing of clearly identified candidates described as Pro-Life or Pro-Choice”) included in the Commission’s **2022 PAC Guidebook**.<sup>5</sup>

Expressly advocating for (or against) candidates for the Maine Legislature in the 2022 general election, on a freshly added section of a DLCC-operated website clearly constitutes an expenditure (“Website set-up, design, and maintenance costs”) which breaches the first requirement for an out-of-state exemption no later than the date of the announcement.

The DLCC has also highlighted President of the Senate Troy Jackson<sup>6</sup> and the current Speaker of the House, Representative Rachel Talbot-Ross,<sup>7</sup> as candidates in the November 2022 general election. The page highlighting Senator Jackson includes a “Contribute Now” link underneath an exhortation to “Donate to support candidates like Troy Jackson in Maine” Candidate Talbot-Ross’ page offers links enumerating a variety of donation amounts (\$5, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, and “other”) underneath a command to “Donate directly to Rachel Talbot Ross.” Underneath the contribution links, Candidate Ross’ page also mentions that “If you’ve saved your payment information with ActBlue Express, your donation will go through immediately.”<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Maine Ethics Commission, [2022 PAC Guidebook](#), p. 22.

<sup>6</sup> <https://dlcc.org/candidates/troy-jackson/>, retrieved March 12, 2023

<sup>7</sup> <https://dlcc.org/candidates/rachel-talbot-ross/>, retrieved March 12, 2023

<sup>8</sup> The clicking one of the donation links opens a browser window to [https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight\\_me-hd-118](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-118) identifying the fund-raiser as “Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee” and declaring “This fundraiser is not currently accepting any donations.”

Screen captures of Democratic candidates Jackson and Talbot-Ross' DLCC-operated pages are included on pages 12 and 13, respectively, of the attachment.

A non-exhaustive list of other explicit endorsements of candidates in Maine elections includes:

- An announcement dated April 11, 2022,<sup>9</sup> that the DLCC is spotlighting Maine Senate candidate Nicole Grohoski in the June 14, 2022, special election for SD 7.
- An announcement dated December 14, 2021,<sup>10</sup> that the DLCC is spotlighting Maine House candidate Jim Boyle in the January 11, 2022, special election for HD 27.
- An announcement dated October 15, 2021<sup>11</sup> that the DLCC is spotlighting Maine House candidate Raegan LaRoche in the November 2, 2021, special election for HD 86.
- An undated page highlighting Maine Senate candidate Craig Hickman<sup>12</sup> in the March 9, 2021, special election for SD 14.

The DLCC-operated candidate-highlight pages for Senator Grohoski, Representative Boyle, Representative LaRoche, and Senator Hickman all feature contribution links underneath text which would reasonably indicate that the contribution will be going directly to the candidate highlighted on that page.

Screen captures of the announcements and the DLCC-operated candidate-fundraising pages are included on pages 14 *et seq* of the attachment.

By fund-raising directly for Democratic candidates or publicly claiming to fund-raise for those candidates, the DLCC has repeatedly voided the second requirement for an out-of-state exemption from registration.

Having failed to meet both of the prerequisites for an out-of-state exemption from registering, the DLCC was required to register as a political action committee in Maine no later than September 27, 2022 – 7 calendar days after their “Maine Threat” announcement – but possibly as early as 7 calendar days after the date on which they began fundraising for the March 9, 2021, special election.

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<sup>9</sup> <https://dlcc.org/press/dlcc-spotlights-maine-senate-candidate-nicole-grohoski/>, retrieved March 12, 2023

<sup>10</sup> <https://dlcc.org/press/dlcc-spotlights-maine-house-candidate-jim-boyle/>, retrieved March 12, 2023

<sup>11</sup> <https://dlcc.org/press/dlcc-spotlights-maine-house-candidate/>, retrieved March 12, 2023

<sup>12</sup> <https://dlcc.org/candidates/craig-hickman/>, retrieved March 12, 2023

## The DLCC has failed to comply with Maine’s reporting requirements

All political action committees are required to file their initial financial report “within seven (7) days after registering as a PAC, or within 14 days of being required to register as a PAC, whichever comes first.”<sup>13</sup> In addition, “A PAC that does not register with the Commission or that registers late may be subject to a \$2,500 fine and may be assessed additional penalties for a late-filed initial campaign finance report.”<sup>14</sup>

Regardless of when the DLCC was required to register, it is obliged to file accurate and timely financial reports for all of their expenditures and contributions for the current reporting period. To date, the DLCC has not registered as a PAC, nor has it filed any financial reports.

A cursory review of the Commission’s bulk data for 2022 contributions shows 24 contributions already reported by other organizations in the current reporting period.<sup>15</sup> Below is a list of those contributions, along with a calculation of the statutory default penalty for each contribution as an unreported PAC expenditure:<sup>16</sup>

Receipt Date	Amount	Contribution Recipient	Statutory Penalty Estimate
2/2/2022	\$10,000.00	Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee	\$5,000.00
3/31/2022	\$37,500.00	Maine House Democratic Campaign Committee	\$5,000.00
4/6/2022	\$50,000.00	Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee	\$50,000.00
6/3/2022	\$15,000.00	Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee	\$5,000.00
6/29/2022	\$22,500.00	Maine House Democratic Campaign Committee	\$5,000.00
8/10/2022	\$51,000.00	Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee	\$51,000.00
8/31/2022	\$100,000.00	Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee	\$100,000.00
8/31/2022	\$275,000.00	Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee	\$275,000.00
8/31/2022	\$75,000.00	Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee	\$75,000.00
9/20/2022	\$56,400.00	American Leadership Committee - Maine	\$56,400.00
10/3/2022	\$125,000.00	American Leadership Committee - Maine	\$125,000.00
10/7/2022	\$50,000.00	Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee	\$50,000.00
10/12/2022	\$5,448.44	American Leadership Committee - Maine	\$5,000.00
10/13/2022	\$50,000.00	Maine Strong	\$50,000.00
10/13/2022	\$150,000.00	Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee	\$150,000.00

<sup>13</sup> Maine Ethics Commission, [2022 PAC Guidebook](#), p. 4.

<sup>14</sup> Maine Ethics Commission, [2022 PAC Guidebook](#), p. 5.

<sup>15</sup> Despite the DLCC’s web-based fund-raising allegedly on behalf of candidates in Maine 2022 elections, no candidates reported receiving any contributions from the DLCC.

<sup>16</sup> For purposes of statutory penalty calculations, both the exact reporting date and the percentage to use for the calculation have been rendered moot by the fact that more than 50 days have passed since any reporting date for 2022 expenditures (2 percent times 50 days equals the absolute maximum penalty of the reportable activity)

Receipt Date	Amount	Contribution Recipient	Statutory Penalty Estimate
10/17/2022	\$9,513.47	American Leadership Committee - Maine	\$5,000.00
10/20/2022	\$125,000.00	American Leadership Committee - Maine	\$125,000.00
10/21/2022	\$3,835.36	American Leadership Committee - Maine	\$5,000.00
10/25/2022	\$2,041.24	American Leadership Committee - Maine	\$5,000.00
10/26/2022	25000	Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee	\$5,000.00
11/1/2022	\$8,262.65	American Leadership Committee - Maine	\$5,000.00
11/9/2022	\$47,877.64	American Leadership Committee - Maine	\$5,000.00
12/8/2022	\$12,698.00	American Leadership Committee - Maine	\$5,000.00
12/14/2022	\$78,146.00	American Leadership Committee - Maine	\$78,146.00
	<b>\$1,385,222.80</b>	<b>Total Reported for 2022</b>	<b>\$1,245,546.00</b>

In addition to the unreported expenditures listed above, the DLCC has not reported any of the following items:

- Additional (yet to be reported) expenditures in support of ALC – Maine, the DLCC’s independent-expenditure tentacle for Maine;
- Funds raised on behalf of Maine candidates;
- Website maintenance costs for updates made to <https://dlcc.org/> and <https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/> expressly advocating for or against candidates in Maine elections; or
- Any contributions received or solicited in support of Maine candidates or to support campaigns intended to influence the outcome of Maine elections.

While the list above demonstrates the seriousness of the DLCC’s reporting violations, it understates the scope of the DLCC’s self-inflicted liability.

While 21-A M.R.S. §1053-B exempts out-of-state PACs from registration based on a lack of in-state activity, once that exemption is void the distinction between in-state and out-of-state activity disappears in regard to campaigns supporting or opposing candidates in any elections. 21-A M.R.S. §1052 offers the following (abridged) definitions:

- “Campaign” means any course of activities to influence the nomination or election of a candidate (*emphasis added*)
- “Contribution” includes ... [a]ny funds received by a committee that are to be transferred to any candidate, committee, campaign or organization for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign
- The term “expenditure” [i]ncludes ... [t]he transfer of funds by a political action committee to another candidate or political committee;

- “Influence” means to promote, support, oppose or defeat.

Because the DLCC’s self-declared *raison d’être* is to “elect local Democrats” and “retake statehouses”, it is reasonable to presume that virtually all of their contributions and expenditures are intended to influence the election of candidates,<sup>17</sup> and therefore subject to Maine’s reporting and recordkeeping requirements because the Legislature chose to not exempt Maine PACs from reporting on campaigns intended to influence elections in other states.

This would mean that the DLCC, as a PAC registered with the state of Maine, should have filed appropriately detailed reports on all their contributions and expenditures since January 1, 2022 – at least \$62 million.<sup>18</sup> That appropriate detail would include, at a minimum:

- “The names of and offices sought by all candidates whose campaigns the committee supports or intends to influence”;
- “The names of all political committees or party committees supported in any way by the committee”;
- “An itemization of each contribution of more than \$50 made to or received by the committee for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign”; and
- “Any funds deposited into or transferred into the campaign account”
- “An itemization of each expenditure made to initiate or influence any campaign, including the date, payee and purpose of the expenditure and the name of each candidate, and each referendum or initiated petition supported or opposed by the expenditure”.<sup>19</sup>

This might prove challenging for an organization which has already told the Commission, through legal counsel, that they consider it “administratively unworkable ... to track staff time across multiple states.”<sup>20</sup> Unlike the IRS, Maine’s reporting requirements for PACs are more stringent than reporting “Credit Card Payment” as the purpose of a \$160,166 single payment to American Express on December 1, 2022.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> 21-A M.R.S. §1052 does explicitly limit its definition(s) of campaigns involving ballot measures to only Maine referenda.

<sup>18</sup> .The DLCC reported \$28,632,140 in contributions and \$33,717,548 in expenditures to the IRS for calendar year 2022

<sup>19</sup> 21-A M.R.S. §1060

<sup>20</sup> Elias Law Group, **Letter to Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, American Leadership Committee – Maine**, dated March 7, 2023, p. 2.

<sup>21</sup> [DLCC IRS Form 8872 2022DEC.pdf](#). p. 374. See also December 8, 2022, payment of \$42,897 to American Express on p. 365.

Regardless of the severity of that challenge, it is the statutorily inevitable result of a national political organization, staffed by salaried (and experienced) professionals, choosing to directly influence Maine elections instead of limiting themselves to acting indirectly through “the independent expenditure arm of the DLCC.”<sup>22</sup>

### **The DLCC violated Maine’s recordkeeping requirements**

21-A M.R.S. §1057 requires that “any committee required to register” must keep detailed records which include all expenditures made to or in behalf of a candidate, campaign or committee – including the identity of each candidate, campaign or committee, the office sought by a candidate and the district the candidate seeks to represent, for candidates that a committee has made an expenditure to or in behalf of; and the date of each expenditure – and a record of all contributions to the committee, by name and mailing address, of each donor and the amount and date of the contribution – excepting donors who have contributed an aggregate amount of \$50 or less.

The Commission’s **2022 PAC Guidebook** clearly reiterates the recordkeeping requirements of §1057.<sup>23</sup> In addition, as noted earlier, the **Guidebook** advises that commonly overlooked contributions include “[c]ontributions of paid staff time received by the PAC from the founding organization or others,” and the most commonly overlooked expenditures include “paid staff time.”<sup>24</sup>

In addition, the Commission’s rules require that “[w]hen a person or organization is required to report an independent expenditure for a communication that supports multiple candidates, the cost should be allocated among the candidates in rough proportion to the benefit received by each candidate.”<sup>25</sup>

According to ALC – Maine’s response to my January complaint regarding their failure to report staff and legal expenses, “time spent supervising its own programs across multiple states and preparing associated campaign finance reports is not tracked and reported if it does not increase the DLCC’s overhead costs and is not performed at the direction or control of a candidate or other organization.”<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> Maine Ethics Commission, **November 30, 2022 Commission Meeting**, Complaint American Leadership Committee-Maine PAC, “Declaration of Cory Warfield”, pp. ETH:38-39

<sup>23</sup> Maine Ethics Commission, [2022 PAC Guidebook](#), p.. 17

<sup>24</sup> Maine Ethics Commission, [2022 PAC Guidebook](#), p.. 15

<sup>25</sup> Maine Ethics Commission Rules, Chapter 1, Sect. 10, para. 4

<sup>26</sup> Elias Law Group, **Letter to Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, American Leadership Committee – Maine**, dated March 7, 2023, p. 2.



In light of the aforementioned combination of statutory and regulatory language, plus the Commission's published guidelines for political action committees, ALC – Maine's response seems to be a *prima facie* admission by the DLCC's own independent-expenditure arm that the DLCC's current recordkeeping falls short of Maine's requirements.

## **Conclusion**

I urge the Commission to treat the DLCC's acts as deliberate, informed choices by experienced, highly paid professionals to ignore Maine law.

My complaint is not based on arcane nuances of some obscure statute. The requirements the DLCC violated are all clearly spelled out in the Commission's **Guidebook**, which has guided countless Maine PACs through the rigors of Maine's reporting requirements.

Even ignoring the **Guidebook's** clarity, the DLCC is not a neophyte grassroots organization. It's a 28-year-old professionally staffed national political organization which receives and spends tens of millions of dollars every election cycle. In addition, the DLCC has been privy to state-level insights from the leadership of Maine's Democratic Party – when Ryan Fecteau replaced Sara Gideon as Speaker of the House, he also took her seat on the DLCC's Board of Directors. Further, the DLCC has been working with expert legal counsel at least since last October.

They have no credible excuse for not being fully aware of the legal implications of actions they took to influence Maine elections, and have had ample time to make any corrections which they intended to make on their own.

Sincerely,



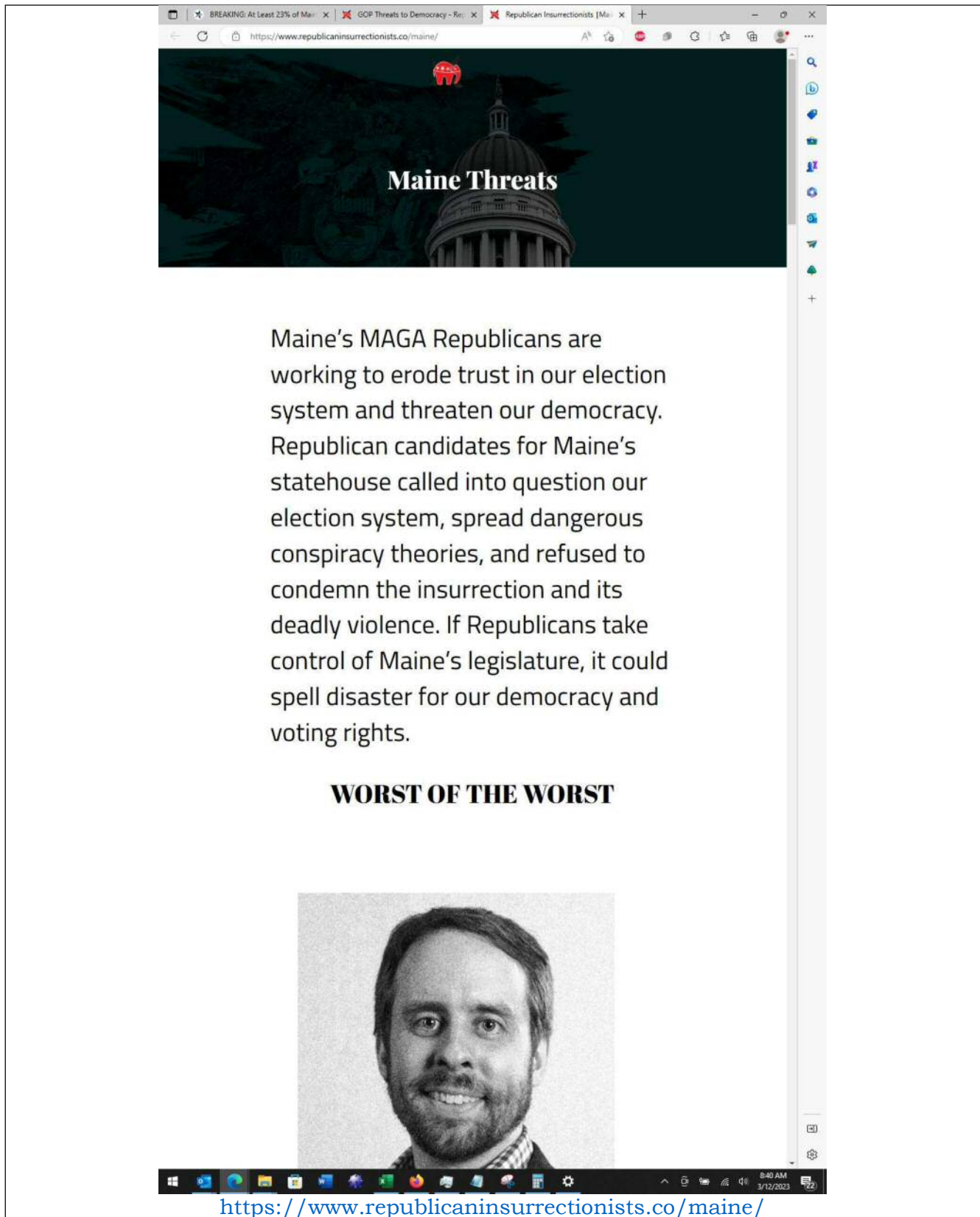
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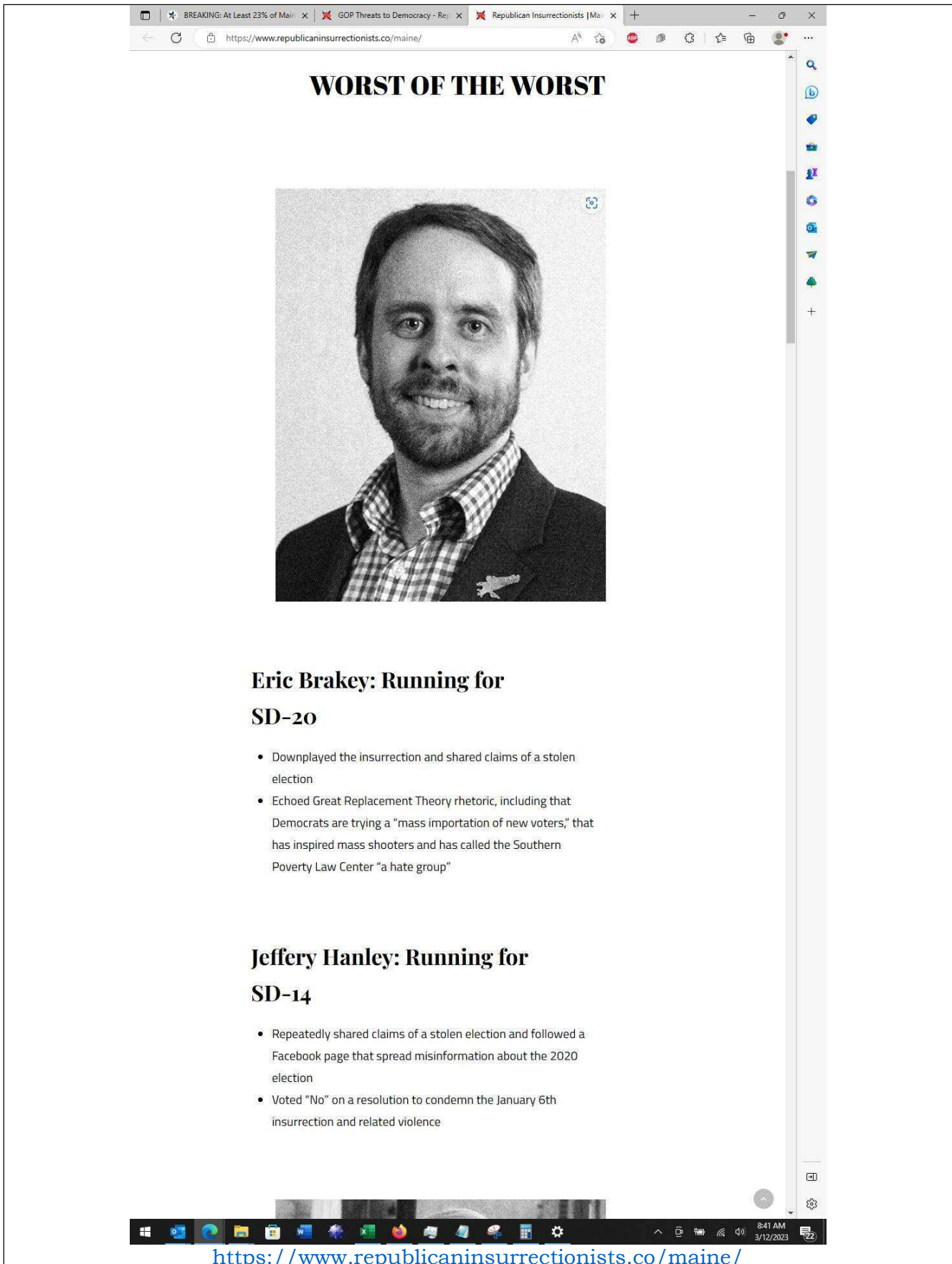
[DLCC Re-Announces Launch of “Republican Insurrectionists” Website, Explicitly Highlighting Maine Legislative Candidates](https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-at-least-23-of-maine-republican-legislative-candidates-pose-active-threat-to-our-democracy/)  
September 20, 2022

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a news article from DLCC. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-at-least-23-of-maine-republican-legisla...>. The page features the DLCC logo and navigation links: OUR TEAM, NEWS, TAKE ACTION, FOR VOTERS, VICTORIES, STORE, and a red DONATE NOW button. The main headline reads: **BREAKING: At Least 23% of Maine Republican Legislative Candidates Pose Active Threat to Our Democracy**. Below the headline, it says 'LATEST NEWS | SEPTEMBER 20, 2022'. The article text begins with: 'WASHINGTON — Today, the DLCC is launching its Threats to Democracy website, a database that features a list of Republican candidates and lawmakers who have spread dangerous election conspiracies, attempted to overturn the 2020 presidential election, or have otherwise threatened our democracy. The DLCC identified at least 40 Republican candidates for Maine's state legislature on the ballot in the November midterms who fit that criteria. Nationally, the committee has found at least 1,007 Republican state legislators and candidates are complicit in the ongoing attacks on our democracy. The people of Maine can't trust MAGA Republicans to protect their sacred right to vote.' A quote from DLCC executive director Heather Williams follows: 'Make no mistake, state legislatures are on the front lines of the battle to protect fair and free elections,' said DLCC executive director Heather Williams. 'Maine election deniers and MAGA candidates want to control their state legislature so they can override voters and decide the outcome of future elections. The surest way to protect democracy and beat back the MAGA movement in 2022 is to elect Democrats in Maine and to statehouses all across the country.' Below the quote, it says 'Here are just a few examples from Maine:' followed by a bulleted list of three examples: Jeffery Hanley (SD-14), Eric Brakey (SD-20), and Mark Rouillard (HD-149). The article concludes with a paragraph about the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee's role and provides the email [accountability@dlcc.org](mailto:accountability@dlcc.org). At the bottom of the article content, there are three hash symbols (###). Below the article content, the full URL is repeated: <https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-at-least-23-of-maine-republican-legislative-candidates-pose-active-threat-to-our-democracy/>

[DLCC Direct Attack on 39 Explicitly Named Candidates for Maine Legislature](https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/)



## DLCC Maine Election Screen Captures



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/>. The page title is "WORST OF THE WORST". Below the title is a portrait of Eric Brakey, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a checkered shirt and a dark jacket. Below the portrait is the heading "Eric Brakey: Running for SD-20". Underneath this heading is a bulleted list of his political positions and actions:

- Downplayed the insurrection and shared claims of a stolen election
- Echoed Great Replacement Theory rhetoric, including that Democrats are trying a "mass importation of new voters," that has inspired mass shooters and has called the Southern Poverty Law Center "a hate group"

Below this list is the heading "Jeffery Hanley: Running for SD-14". Underneath this heading is another bulleted list of his political positions and actions:

- Repeatedly shared claims of a stolen election and followed a Facebook page that spread misinformation about the 2020 election
- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

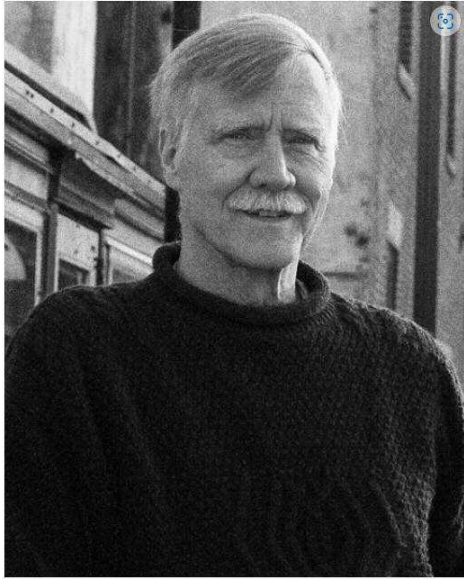
The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 8:41 AM on 3/12/2023. The URL <https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/> is repeated at the bottom of the screenshot.

# DLCC Maine Election Screen Captures

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/>. The page content includes:

## Jeffery Hanley: Running for SD-14

- Repeatedly shared claims of a stolen election and followed a Facebook page that spread misinformation about the 2020 election
- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence



## MORE THREATS

**John Andrews, HD-30**

- Signed onto legal efforts to block Michigan and other states from certifying their election results in an attempt to overturn the 2020 election results
- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

**Susan Bernard, SD-1**

- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

**Mark Blier, HD-138**

- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 8:42 AM on 3/12/2023. A URL bar at the very bottom of the screenshot contains the text <https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/>.

# DLCC Maine Election Screen Captures

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/>. The browser tabs include "BREAKING: At Least 23% of Main...", "GOP Threats to Democracy - Rep...", and "Republican Insurrectionists | Ma...". The page content lists the following representatives and their votes:

- Mark Blier, HD-138**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Richard Bradstreet, HD-61**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Meldon Carmichael, HD-18**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Amanda Collamore, HD-68**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Jonathan Connor, HD-96**
  - Warned "without voter integrity, there can be no democracy" and expressed support for putting up legal barriers to the ballot box
- Danny Costain, HD-33**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Gary Drinkwater, HD-27**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- John Ducharme, HD-71**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Billy Bob Faulkingham, HD-12**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Steven Foster, HD-32**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Randall Greenwood, HD-56**

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 8:42 AM on 3/12/2023. A URL bar at the bottom of the screenshot contains the text <https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/>.

# DLCC Maine Election Screen Captures

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- Steven Foster, HD-32**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Randall Greenwood, HD-56**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Abigail Griffin, HD-34**
  - Months after the election was over, joined calls for a 50-state audit of the 2020 presidential election and possible decertification of the results
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Randall Hall, HD-74**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Sherman Hutchins, HD-17**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Kathy Javner, HD-29**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- MaryAnne Kinney, SD-11**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Michael Lemelin, HD-53**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Laurel Libby, HD-90**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- John Linnchan, HD-13**
  - Falsely described the 2020 election as "a coup, the overthrow of the US free election"

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 8:43 AM on 3/12/2023. A URL bar at the bottom of the screenshot contains the text <https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/>.

# DLCC Maine Election Screen Captures

**Laurel Libby, HD-90**

- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

**John Linnehan, HD-13**

- Falsely described the 2020 election as "a coup, the overthrow of the US free election system, the end of our constitutional republic"
- Used social media to cast doubt on the election and spread #stopthesteal conspiracy theories

**Peter Lyford, SD-10**

- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

**Sheila Lyman, HD-76**

- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

**Richard Mason, HD-97**

- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

**Sawin Millett Jr., HD-81**

- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

**Joshua Morris, HD-91**

- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

**Daniel Newman, HD-58**

- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

**James Orr HD-59**

- Implied it was suspicious he lost his last race after absentee ballots were counted
- Shares fake news and election conspiracies on social media

**Wayne Parry, HD-140**

- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the

<https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/>



# DLCC Maine Election Screen Captures

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/>. The page lists several Maine representatives and their actions:

- James Orr HD-59**
  - Implied it was suspicious he lost his last race after absentee ballots were counted
  - Shares fake news and election conspiracies on social media
- Wayne Parry, HD-140**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Michael Perkins, SD-16**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Jennifer Poirier, HD-70**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Tracy Quint, HD-81**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Mark Rouillard, HD-149**
  - Downplayed the January 6th attack on the Capitol, said there were no weapons found and promoted a debunked documentary that claimed the election was stolen
  - Repeatedly implied support for violence against political opponents, ominously noting "we hold to [sic] many guns for this crap to fly"
- Shelley Rudnicki, HD-67**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- Heidi Sampson, HD-136**
  - Months after the election was over, joined calls for a 50-state audit of the 2020 presidential election and possible decertification of the results.
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence
- James Thorne, HD-35**
  - Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 8:47 AM on 3/12/2023. The URL <https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/> is repeated at the bottom of the page.

# DLCC Maine Election Screen Captures

https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/maine/violence

### Heidi Sampson, HD-136

- Months after the election was over, joined calls for a 50-state audit of the 2020 presidential election and possible decertification of the results.
- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

### James Thorne, HD-35

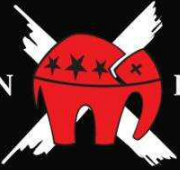
- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

### Joseph Underwood, HD-5

- Voted "No" on a resolution to condemn the January 6th insurrection and related violence

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <https://web.archive.org/web/20220920140027/https://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co/>. The website header includes the text "REPUBLICAN INSURRECTIONISTS" and a logo. The main banner features the text "WHO IS A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY IN YOUR STATE?" in large, bold, white letters. Below this, a sub-section titled "The stakes in Maine" is displayed, with the subtitle "Election deniers pursuing right-wing power." and an "Explore" button. The background of the banner is a large image of the Maine State Capitol building. The browser's address bar also shows "57 captures" and a date range of "5 Jan 2022 - 10 Mar 2023".

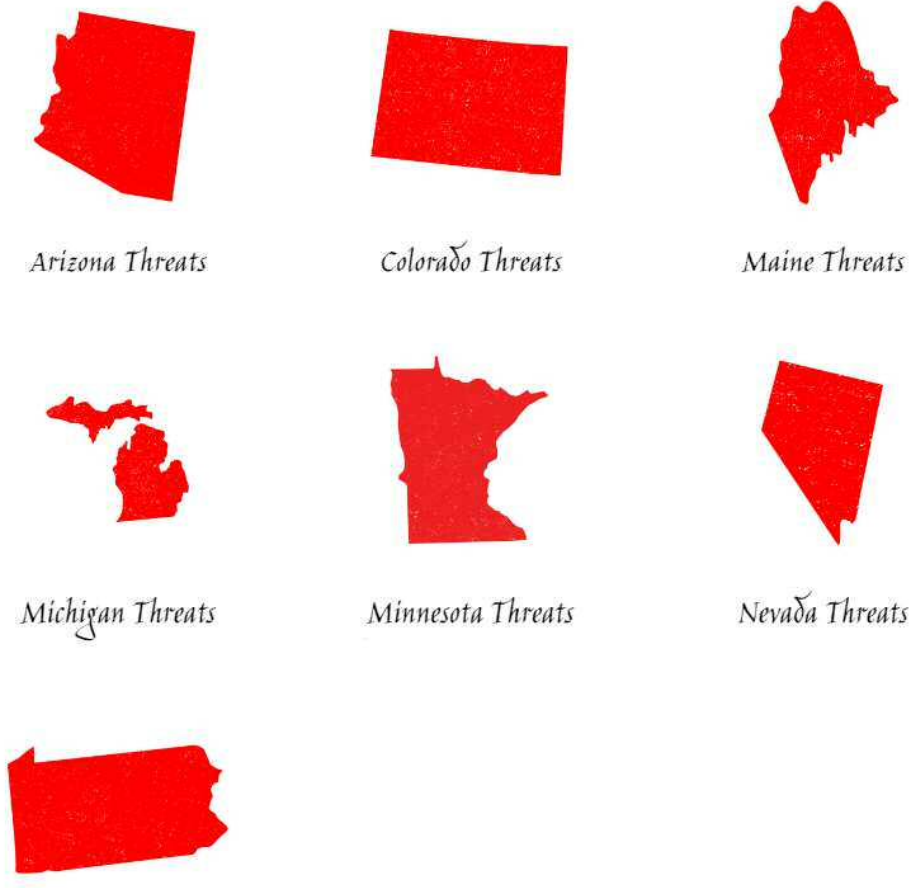
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# THREATS BY STATE



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[DLCC Candidate Advocacy – Troy Jackson](https://dlcc.org/candidates/troy-jackson/)  
[HD 118, November 2022 General Election](https://dlcc.org/candidates/troy-jackson/)

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the DLCC website for Troy Jackson's campaign. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://dlcc.org/candidates/troy-jackson/>. The website header includes the DLCC logo, navigation links for 'OUR TEAM', 'NEWS', 'TAKE ACTION', 'FOR VOTERS', 'VICTORIES', and 'STORE', and a red 'DONATE NOW' button. The main content area features a large portrait of Troy Jackson, a man in a suit and tie. To the left of the portrait, the text reads: 'ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE SD 1' followed by the name 'Troy Jackson' in a large, bold font. Below the name, a short bio states: 'Senate President Troy Jackson is a lifelong Mainer, fifth-generation logger, and relentless advocate for everyone in his state.' Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn are visible. A red 'CONTRIBUTE NOW' button is positioned below the bio. To the right of the portrait, there is a vertical stack of social media icons. Below the portrait, a section titled 'About Troy' contains a longer bio: 'Senate President Troy Jackson is a lifelong Mainer, fifth-generation logger, and relentless advocate for everyone in his state. Since being unanimously elected Senate president in 2018, Troy has led his colleagues to pass impactful legislation. Running for his seventh term in office, Troy will continue to utilize his deep community ties and immeasurable leadership to fight for a better Maine.' This is followed by a bulleted list of his focus areas: 'Brings a union background to protecting workers and local economies', 'Fights for more accessible and affordable health care', and 'Helps students thrive through expanded school resources and increased teacher pay'. Below this, a section titled 'WHERE TROY IS FOCUSING' is followed by the heading 'On the Issues'. Three blue boxes with icons and text describe his focus areas: 'Champion for Veterans' (with a military helmet icon), 'Health Care Defender' (with a medical cross icon), and 'Stands Up for Labor' (with a pickaxe icon). At the bottom of the page, the URL <https://dlcc.org/candidates/troy-jackson/> is repeated.

[DLCC Candidate Advocacy – Rachel Talbot Ross](#)  
[HD 118, November 2022 General Election](#)

https://dlcc.org/candidates/rachel-talbot-ross/

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# Rachel Talbot Ross

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Representative Rachel Talbot Ross is a ninth-generation Mainer, dedicated public servant, and lifelong social justice advocate. Before serving in the House, Rachel led numerous advocacy organizations, including the NAACP of Maine. Rachel is the [first and only Black woman elected to the Maine legislature](#). She has risen to the role of House Majority Whip after fighting to enact police reform, increase health care benefits, and pass legislation that will benefit all Mainers.

- Co-sponsored multiple bills that expand Indigenous rights and sovereignty
- Helped expand postnatal health care coverage under MaineCare
- Fought for measures to hold police departments accountable


WHERE RACHEL IS FOCUSING

## On the Issues

Fighter for Equality Health Care Defender Reproductive Rights Advocate

<https://dlcc.org/candidates/rachel-talbot-ross/>

[DLCC Spotlights Maine Senate Candidate -- Nicole Grohoski  
SD 7 Special Election, April 11, 2022](https://dlcc.org/press/dlcc-spotlights-maine-senate-candidate-nicole-grohoski/)

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# DLCC Spotlights Maine Senate Candidate Nicole Grohoski

LATEST NEWS | APRIL 11, 2022

**WASHINGTON** — The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee is adding [Nicole Grohoski](#) to its list of spotlight candidates ahead of the state Senate special election in Maine's SD 7 this June. First elected to the state House in 2018, Nicole has used her time in the state legislature to fight for increased educational investment, secure greater health care accessibility, and increase broadband access.

"We are so proud to support Nicole Grohoski who has been a critical member of the legislature since she was elected in 2018," said DLCC President Jessica Post. "Democrats in Maine have fought for working-class families in Maine by expanding [Medicaid](#) and increasing pay for [child care](#) workers in the state. To no surprise, Democrats have used the majority to improve the lives of Mainers and we cannot wait to watch Nicole continue that fight."

Raised in Ellsworth, Maine, the daughter of a school nurse and Vietnam veteran, Nicole Grohoski has advocated for her community during her time in the state legislature. Voting to guarantee health care access for people with preexisting conditions, better fund schools and increase teacher pay, and increase local clean energy jobs, Nicole is a proven fighter. She is running for Senate to continue creating meaningful change for all of Maine.

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<https://dlcc.org/press/dlcc-spotlights-maine-senate-candidate-nicole-grohoski/>

The screenshot shows the DLCC website for Nicole Grohoski. At the top, the DLCC logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'OUR TEAM', 'NEWS', 'TAKE ACTION', 'FOR VOTERS', 'VICTORIES', and 'STORE' are in the center. A red 'DONATE NOW' button is on the right. Below the navigation, the election date 'ELECTION DATE: JUN 14, 2022' and district 'MAINE SD 7' are displayed. The candidate's name 'Nicole Grohoski' is prominently featured in large blue text. To the right is a portrait of Nicole Grohoski, a woman with glasses and a dark top. Below the name is a short bio: 'Raised in Ellsworth, Maine, the daughter of a school nurse and Vietnam veteran, Nicole Grohoski would be a fierce advocate for improving the quality of life in Maine's SD 7.' A red 'CONTRIBUTE NOW' button is positioned below the bio. To the right of the portrait are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Below the bio is a section titled 'About Nicole' with a longer bio paragraph and a bulleted list of her campaign priorities: ensuring affordable health care, generating clean renewable energy, and prioritizing long-term investments in education and workforce training. At the bottom, a section titled 'On the Issues' features four blue boxes with icons and text: 'Advocate for Students' (graduation cap), 'Environmental Hero' (trees), 'Health Care Defender' (stethoscope), and 'Leader on Economic Growth' (lightbulb). A URL 'https://dlcc.org/candidates/nicole-grohoski/' is at the bottom of the page.



[DLCC Spotlights Maine House Candidate –Jim Boyle](https://dlcc.org/press/dlcc-spotlights-maine-house-candidate-jim-boyle/)  
[HD 27 Special Election, December 14, 2021](https://dlcc.org/press/dlcc-spotlights-maine-house-candidate-jim-boyle/)

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the DLCC website. The address bar shows the URL: <https://dlcc.org/press/dlcc-spotlights-maine-house-candidate-jim-boyle/>. The page features the DLCC logo in the top left, a navigation menu with links for 'OUR TEAM', 'NEWS', 'TAKE ACTION', 'FOR VOTERS', 'VICTORIES', and 'STORE', and a red 'DONATE NOW' button in the top right. The main headline reads 'DLCC Spotlights Maine House Candidate Jim Boyle' in large, bold, dark blue text, with the word 'NEWS' in a very large, light blue font behind it. Below the headline, it says 'LATEST NEWS | DECEMBER 14, 2021'. The article text begins with 'WASHINGTON — The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee is adding [Jim Boyle](#) to its list of Spotlight candidates ahead of a Maine House special election in January. Democrats are looking to hold HD-27 to build on the progress the legislature has already made.' A quote from Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee President Jessica Post follows: 'Jim Boyle has spent years as a dedicated public servant and his commitment to his community has proven that he is ready to fight for working families all across Maine,' said Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee President Jessica Post. 'Jim is boldly running on promoting Maine's economy, funding public education, and fighting for the environment. The DLCC is proud to spotlight his candidacy and is committed to winning races like this all across the country.' The article continues: 'Jim Boyle is a business owner and former legislator who is committed to Maine's economic development and combating climate change. This race comes on the heels of a huge Democratic flip in November that put Raegan LaRochelle into office in HD-86. This year alone, Democrats in Maine have expanded broadband service across the state, financed new affordable housing construction, increased education funding, reduced property taxes, and ensured that school meals remain free for all students. In order to build on that progress, it is vital that Democrats keep the majority and reject the right-wing extremism of the Maine GOP.' The article ends with '###'. On the right side of the page, there is a 'SHARE' button with icons for Facebook, Twitter, and a link icon. The URL <https://dlcc.org/press/dlcc-spotlights-maine-house-candidate-jim-boyle/> is repeated at the bottom of the page.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "https://dlcc.org/candidates/jim-boyle/?link\_id=1&can\_id=dfc7f9802b9492c1...". The page title is "Jim Boyle - Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee". The DLCC logo is in the top left, and navigation links for "OUR TEAM", "NEWS", "TAKE ACTION", "FOR VOTERS", "VICTORIES", and "STORE" are in the top center. A red "DONATE NOW" button is in the top right. The main content area features a large portrait of Jim Boyle on the right. To the left of the portrait, it says "ELECTION DATE: JAN 11, 2022 | MAINE HD 27" and "Jim Boyle" in a large font. Below his name is a short bio: "With his experience as a business owner and former legislator, Jim Boyle is ready to roll up his sleeves and get to work promoting economic growth in Maine." A social media share icon is to the left of the bio. To the right of the portrait is a vertical stack of social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Below the bio is a "Donate directly to Jim Boyle" section with six red buttons labeled "\$5", "\$25", "\$50", "\$100", "\$250", and "OTHER". Below these buttons is a note: "If you've saved your payment information with ActBlue Express, your donation will go through immediately." At the bottom of the page is a "SHARE" button with social media icons and a "About Jim" section. The "About Jim" section contains a bio: "With his experience as a business owner and former legislator, Jim Boyle is ready to roll up his sleeves and get to work promoting economic growth in Maine. Jim is running in this toss-up election to keep fighting for a prosperous future for his home state." Below this is a bulleted list of his goals: "Determined to protect Maine's natural beauty using his professional experience in environmental work" and "Advocate for fully funding public education and expanding economic opportunities". At the bottom of the page is a link: "https://dlcc.org/candidates/jim-boyle/".

[DLCC Breaking News: Democrats Win Competitive Maine Special Election HD 27 Special Election, January 11, 2022](https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-democrats-win-competitive-maine-special-election-hd-27)

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the DLCC website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-democrats-win-competitive-maine-spe...>. The website header includes the DLCC logo, navigation links for 'OUR TEAM', 'NEWS', 'TAKE ACTION', 'FOR VOTERS', 'VICTORIES', and 'STORE', and a red 'DONATE NOW' button. The main headline reads 'BREAKING: Democrats Win Competitive Maine Special Election' in large, bold, dark blue text. Below the headline, it says 'LATEST NEWS | JANUARY 11, 2022'. The article text begins with 'WASHINGTON — Democrats won a competitive special election tonight in Maine HD-27. DLCC spotlight candidate [Jim Boyle](#) ran a strong campaign that focused on economic opportunities for Mainers and protecting Maine's environment. This seat was targeted by both parties and adds another Democratic victory in Maine this cycle.' A quote from Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee President Jessica Post follows: 'Democrats in Maine are continuing to build momentum and these special election victories show that voters are on our side,' said Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee President Jessica Post. 'This is exactly the momentum we need headed into a critical midterm election year. The DLCC is proud to have spotlighted Jim Boyle's candidacy and is committed to winning races like this all across the country as we take nothing for granted going into midterms.' The article concludes with: 'This win comes after Democrats flipped Maine's HD-86 red to blue in November. The seat had previously been held by a Republican since 2014. Last year, Democrats in Maine expanded broadband service across the state, financed new affordable housing construction, increased education funding, reduced property taxes, and ensured that school meals remain free for all students.' The article ends with '###'. On the right side of the page, there are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok, and a 'SHARE' button with a link icon.

<https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-democrats-win-competitive-maine-special-election/>

[DLCC Spotlights Maine House Candidate – Raegan LaRochelle  
HD86 Special Election, October 15, 2021](https://dlcc.org/press/dlcc-spotlights-maine-house-candidate/)

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# DLCC Spotlights Maine House Candidate

LATEST NEWS | OCTOBER 15, 2021

**WASHINGTON** — The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee today added [Raegan LaRochelle](#) (HD-86) to its list of Spotlight candidates ahead of the Maine House special election this November. Flipping this seat would grow Democrats' majority in the House and strengthen the Democratic trifecta in Maine.

"Raegan LaRochelle is already a leader in her community — from serving on the Augusta City Council to coaching local youth sports and volunteering at the local library while raising her family. The DLCC is thrilled to support Raegan because we know she will continue to put her community first and be a champion for affordable housing, good schools, quality jobs, and accessible health care for working families," said DLCC President Jessica Post.

As a current member of the Augusta City Council, [Raegan LaRochelle](#) has shown her commitment to public service and improving the lives of her constituents. She will continue this work in the Maine House.

Together with Democratic Governor Janet Mills, Democrats in the Maine Legislature have passed legislation including increasing renewable energy, investing in education, expanding abortion access, and protecting LGBTQ Mainers.

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<https://dlcc.org/press/dlcc-spotlights-maine-house-candidate/>

# DLCC Maine Election Screen Captures

Kaegan LaRochelle - Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee

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# Raegan LaRochelle

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## About Raegan

As an Augusta native who is deeply involved in her community, Raegan LaRochelle has firsthand knowledge of the needs and concerns of her neighbors. She's worked hard for her constituents on Augusta's city council and is ready to do the same in the state House.

- Strong advocate for affordable housing, accessible health care, and quality jobs
- Committed to safely bringing Maine out of the pandemic

<https://dlcc.org/candidates/raegan-larochelle/>

[DLCC Candidate Advocacy – Craig Hickman](https://dlcc.org/candidates/craig-hickman/)  
[SD 14 Special Election, March 9, 2021](https://dlcc.org/candidates/craig-hickman/)

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the DLCC candidate page for Craig Hickman. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://dlcc.org/candidates/craig-hickman/>. The page features the DLCC logo in the top left and a navigation menu with links for 'OUR TEAM', 'NEWS', 'TAKE ACTION', 'FOR VOTERS', 'VICTORIES', and 'STORE'. A prominent red 'DONATE NOW' button is located in the top right corner. The main heading reads 'ELECTION DATE: MAR 9, 2021 | MAINE SD 14' followed by the candidate's name 'Craig Hickman' in a large, bold font. Below the name is a short biography: 'As a four-term state House member, Craig Hickman worked tirelessly to pass legislation to fight hunger, dispel racial discrimination, and transform his community into a more equal space for all.' To the right of this text are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok. A section titled 'Donate directly to Craig Hickman' includes a row of red buttons for donation amounts: '\$5', '\$25', '\$50', '\$100', '\$250', and 'OTHER'. Below these buttons is a note: 'If you've saved your payment information with ActBlue Express, your donation will go through immediately.' Further down is an 'About Craig' section with another biography paragraph and a bulleted list of his key attributes: 'Committed to protecting small farmers, supporting rural economic development, and protecting individual liberties' and 'The first openly gay Black member of the Maine House'. At the bottom, a section titled 'WHERE CRAIG IS FOCUSING' features the heading 'On the Issues' and a link to the candidate's page: <https://dlcc.org/candidates/craig-hickman/>. A 'SHARE' button with social media icons is positioned on the right side of the page.

May 2, 2023

**VIA EMAIL**

Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices  
135 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0135

**Re: Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee**

Dear Commissioners:

We write on behalf of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (“DLCC”) in response to questions from Commission staff regarding a complaint from Mr. William Clardy alleging that the DLCC was required to register as a PAC under 21-A M.R.S. §§ 1052(5)(A) and 1053-B and was not covered by the exemptions for donors in §§ 1052(3-A) and 1053-B. The DLCC did not meet the requirements to register as a PAC under Maine law.

1. *Did the DLCC make expenditures, as defined in 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(4), when it created the “Maine Threats” page on [www.republicaninsurrectionists.co](http://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co) and the six Maine specific [www.dlcc.org/candidate](http://www.dlcc.org/candidate) webpages cited by Mr. Clardy?*

No. An “expenditure” as defined in 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(4) includes “[a] purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or gift of money or anything of value, made for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign.” 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(4). Communications that are not made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any person to state or county office are not expenditures. *Id.*

The Maine Threats page on [www.republicaninsurrectionists.co](http://www.republicaninsurrectionists.co) and the six pages specified in Mr. Clardy’s complaint are portions of domains purchased by the DLCC to promote the DLCC’s national mission of electing state Democrats nationwide and protecting democracy. Salaried DLCC staff, not contractors, produced these websites, and their time was not tracked and allocated across the over 1,000 candidates mentioned on these pages. These pages were not targeted directly at any Maine voters, nor was there any additional cost to the DLCC to create these pages. The costs associated with their production was so nominal as not to be “anything of value.” The home pages of these domains are attached as Exhibit A.

The Republican Insurrectionists site on which the Maine Threats page was posted highlighted over 1,100 state legislators and candidates for state legislature in 48 states who either were present among protests that turned violent at the Capitol on January 6, 2021 in Washington, D.C., or who took actions that the DLCC views as enabling the election denialism that fueled that violence. The DLCC is the only organization to have compiled this research nationwide, and

the purpose was to make an argument about a perceived pattern of extremism in the Republican party nationwide.

Additionally, as part of the DLCC's national mission to elect Democrats everywhere, the DLCC posts its candidate endorsements on its own website. In the 2021-2022 election cycle, the DLCC endorsed 372 candidates in 38 states. These endorsements included posting a brief description of the candidate and a link to the candidate's own website or fundraising page or the fundraising page for the state party or caucus. The six pages identified in Mr. Clardy's complaint were part of that program. The DLCC never accepted money on behalf of any Maine candidates to its own accounts, nor were funds raised for Maine candidates. Instead, the donation links went directly to the ActBlue page for the Maine House Democratic Campaign Committee, and the funds went directly to that committee. *See Exhibit B.*

Maine law recognizes that free Internet activity is of little measurable value and does not provide any specific guidance on how to value communications that are placed on an organization's own website. The state's disclaimer rules exclude "Internet and e-mail activities costing less than \$100. . . paid for by one or more individuals who are not required to register or file campaign finance reports with the commission and who are acting independently of and without authorization by a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee or an agent of a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee." 21-A M.R.S. § 1014(6)(C). Additionally, candidates need not report contributions of "[t]he use of offices, telephones, computers and similar equipment when that use does not result in additional cost to the provider." *Id.* While the Maine PAC guide notes that "[w]ebsite set-up, design, and maintenance costs" are among the commonly overlooked committee expenses, that guidance is aimed at in-state PACs, and there is no specific guidance for how to measure such costs when a national organization includes a small amount of information about Maine as part of its national program. *See Me. Ethics Comm'n, Political Action Committee Guidebook* at 15 (December 2021).

Another state's agency that confronted this issue wisely rejected the theory that free posts on a national organization's own website constitute "expenditures." Montana has similar rules specifying that the costs of creating and establishing a campaign website are reportable expenditures, *see, e.g., Gallatin County Democrats v. Buchanan*, No. COPP 2018-CFP-055 at 4 (Comm'r of Pol. Practices of the State of Mont. Nov. 20, 2018), but its Commissioner of Political Practices held that there are no reportable costs when an organization posts on its own website. *See Republican Attorneys General Association v. Democratic Attorneys General Association*, No. COPP 2020-CFP-058A at 12 (Comm'r of Pol. Practices of the State of Mont. June 30, 2021) ("During a given election year, any number of local, regional, and national organizations, across the ideological spectrum, publish posts on their own websites mentioning, supporting, or opposing Montana candidates. Should each individual post made on an organizational website supporting or opposing Montana candidates be considered a reportable expenditure of that organization, each individual post would need to be disclosed on finance reports filed with the [Montana Commissioner of Political Practices, "COPP"]. COPP cannot think of any specific instance where an organization has been required to report *every* individual post meant to support or oppose Montana candidates made on its own website as an expenditure.") Similarly, under Federal Election Commission rules, an expenditure does "not



include communications over the internet, except for communications placed for a fee on another person’s website, digital device, application, or advertising platform.” 11 C.F.R. § 100.26. Nor are political committees required to allocate to candidates “[e]xpenditures for . . . personnel . . . unless these expenditures are made on behalf of a clearly identified candidate, and the expenditure can be directly attributed to that candidate.” *Id.* § 106.1(c).

It does not cost the DLCC an additional fee to add a page to its existing websites, and as discussed in American Leadership Committee – Maine’s (“ALC-ME”) March 7, 2023 letter to the Commission, it would be administratively unworkable for the DLCC to track staff time across multiple states and over 1,000 candidates. The DLCC’s websites serve primarily the interests of the DLCC—to raise money for the DLCC, to criticize state Republicans generally, and to inform the DLCC’s donors and partners of its endorsed candidates. These are not communications aimed at persuading Maine voters. Communications that are aimed at influencing Maine voters are instead reported through state-level PACs like ALC-ME, as are any costs directly allocable to state candidates.

To read the DLCC’s website postings as regulable expenditures would invite a flood of complaints against many organizations that publish endorsements and opinions on their own websites after making contributions in Maine. For example, the Republican State Leadership Committee, which according to the Commission’s online database contributed \$200,000 to the Maine Senate Republican Majority in 2022, published many materials on its own website or on YouTube opposing Democrats for the 2022 Maine legislative elections, including polling results and slickly produced YouTube videos. *See* Exhibit C. Further, it is common for organizations to publicize their endorsements after making donations in Maine by issuing press releases or posting the endorsements on their own websites. To treat press releases or posts on an organization’s website as “expenditures” would render the “exempt donor” exemption from PAC registration meaningless in practice because donors generally want to take public credit for their contributions in Maine.

2. *Mr. Clardy relies on a September 20, 2022 press release from the DLCC’s Executive Director urging the election of Democrats, posted on [www.dlcc.org](http://www.dlcc.org). For purposes of determining whether the “Maine Threats” webpage and the [www.dlcc.org/candidates](http://www.dlcc.org/candidates) webpages advocated for the election or defeat of candidates in Maine, should the press release be considered part of those communications?*

Generally, whether a communication expressly advocates for or against candidates is judged on the face of the communication alone. A subsequent press release about a communication does not affect how the communication is classified. *See, e.g., Federal Election Comm’n v. Wisconsin Right to Life, Inc.*, 551 U.S. 449, 469–70, 473 (2007) (“[A] court should find that an ad is the functional equivalent of express advocacy only if the ad is susceptible of no reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate. . . . Given the standard we have adopted for determining whether an ad is the ‘functional equivalent’ of express advocacy, contextual factors . . . should seldom play a significant role in the inquiry.”). In *Wisconsin Right to Life*, the Supreme Court found that a television ad lacking express advocacy or its functional equivalent could not be re-classified merely because the sponsor cross-posted the ad on a website that contained express advocacy. *Id.* at 473 (“Any express advocacy on the Web site, already one step removed from the text of the ads themselves, certainly does not render

an interpretation of the ads as genuine issue ads unreasonable.”). The Commission should follow the Supreme Court’s holding here.

3. *In 2022, did DLCC receive contributions for the purpose of influencing Maine candidate elections when it received donations through the red “Donate” button on the “Threats to Democracy” website and www.dlcc.org webpages?*

No. The “donate” button directed to a donation page that clearly indicated that donors would be contributing to the DLCC’s efforts to elect Democrats everywhere and not specifically in any state, including Maine. The page reads, “Your grassroots donation will help provide state Democrats with the resources, staff, and technology to win elections at the state level,” and “The Stop the Insurrectionists Fund will support the DLCC’s efforts to elect Democrats to state legislatures nationwide.” See Exhibit D. Donors had no reason to believe their contribution was earmarked for use in Maine or any other state and, in fact, their contributions were not earmarked for use in Maine or any other state.

4. *Please provide an estimated price range of the costs to the DLCC in creating and maintaining the Maine-related webpages on www.dlcc.org and www.republicaninsurrectionists.co.*

The costs involved are nominal. There was no additional web domain cost to the DLCC to include the pages about Maine on the DLCC’s existing dlcc.org or www.republicaninsurrectionists.co domains. The entire dlcc.org website domain costs \$269.89 for a five-year renewal term, and the republicaninsurrectionists.co domain costs \$24.99 for a two-year term. The websites were built and maintained by salaried staff, and it would be administratively unworkable to track staff time across over 1,000 candidates featured on these two sites with any degree of accuracy or precision. Given that the Maine portions of these websites were a small portion of the DLCC’s online web presence and overall staff activity for the 2022 election cycle, it is unlikely that if the DLCC were to measure such costs they would exceed the PAC registration threshold of \$2,500.

Because the DLCC did not accept any contributions for the purpose of influencing Maine elections and its only expenditures for the purpose of influencing Maine elections were contributions to ALC-ME, it qualifies as an “exempt donor” under 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(3-A) and therefore was not required to register separately as a Maine political action committee. See 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(5)(B)(4).

Sincerely,



Jonathan Berkon  
Emily Hogin  
Counsel to Democratic Legislative  
Campaign Committee

# **Exhibit A**

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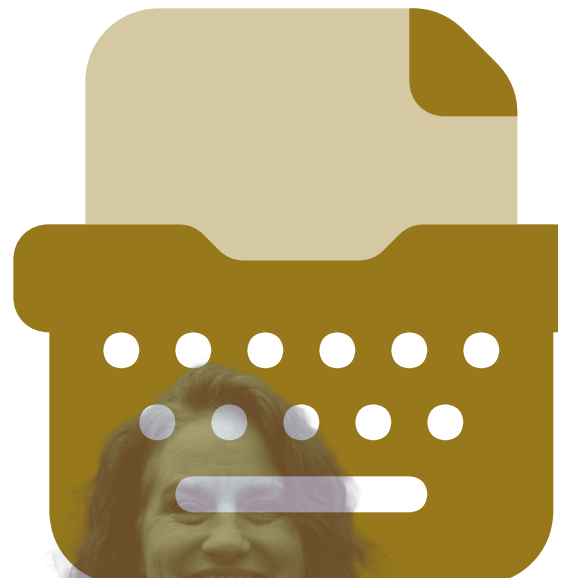


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## DLCC Statement on the Supreme Court Stay on Abortion Pills

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On January 6th, a group of MAGA militants participated in an attack on our country by storming the United States Capitol. Republican state lawmakers were present at the insurrection, and hundreds more fanned the flames of insurrection by purposely sowing doubt in our elections for political gain.

**Now, these election deniers, MAGA Republicans, and insurrectionists are running for office and seeking to gain a greater foothold in state legislatures.** In 2022 we have the chance to keep them out of power and defend our democracy.

Donate **BY THE NUMBERS**



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**25**

candidates on the ballot this November who were in DC on January 6th.

**1,140+**

state legislators and candidates complicit in Donald Trump's ongoing attack on our democracy.

**11/8**

our best chance to defend democracy

**THREATS  
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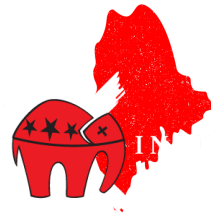
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# The Insurrectionists



# The Insurrectionists



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**This list represents the worst of the absolute** [Donate](#) of these state legislative candidates were in DC on January 6th, with some who proudly cheered on the riots that left five people dead. Some of them were serving as state legislators at the time, and many joined the mob that surrounded the Capitol, attempting to interfere with the democratic process. We will not let them forget it.

- Pete Riehm, Alabama
- David Eastman, Alaska\*\*
- Kelly Nash, Alaska
- Anthony Kern, Arizona\*\*
- Jessica Martinez, California
- Katie Lehr, Colorado
- Jeremy Brown, Florida
- Jenna Hague, Florida
- Chris Miller, Illinois\*\*
- Luana Stoltenberg, Iowa
- Angela Rigas, Michigan
- Matt Maddock, Michigan\*\*
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*\*\*\*Was a sitting state legislator on January 6th*

## *On the 2022 Ballot*

**The candidates for state legislature on this list have helped spread Donald Trump's Big Lie.** Some used their positions of power to support legal efforts to discard the free and fair results of the 2020 election, while others used their platforms to spread baseless conspiracy theories and continue to falsely claim the 2020 election was stolen. Many have downplayed the events of January 6th, and some are even members of the extremist militia group the Oath Keepers that helped lead the assault. Many, if elected, have promised to act in accordance with their views.

These candidates are a threat to our democracy and the stakes could not be higher this November.

### *Alabama*

- Pete Riehm\*\*

### *Alaska*

- Ben Carpenter
- David Eastman\*\*

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- Ron Gillham
- Kevin McCabe
- Tom McKay
- Kelly Nash\*\*
- George Rauscher
- Sarah Vance

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## *Arizona*

- Nancy Barto
- Leo Biasiucci
- Selina Bliss
- Sonny Borrelli
- Frank Carroll
- Joseph Chaplik
- David Cook
- David Farnsworth
- John Gillette
- David Gowan
- Travis Grantham
- Gail Griffin
- Liz Harris
- Jake Hoffman
- Rob Hudelson
- Rachel Jones
- Steve Kaiser
- John Kavanaugh
- Anthony Kern\*\*
- Sine Kerr
- Alexander Kolodin
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- David Livingston
- Cory McGarr
- Steve Montenegro
- J.D. Mesnard
- Quang Nguyen
- Jacqueline Parker
- Kevin Payne
- Warren Petersen
- Beverly Pingerelli
- Wendy Rogers
- Robert Scantlebury
- Janae Shamp
- Austin Smith
- Ben Toma
- Justine Wadsack
- Justin Wilmeth

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## *Arkansas*

- Rick Beck
- Mary Bentley
- Karilyn Brown
- Ronald Caldwell
- Alan Clark
- Cameron Cooper
- Cindy Crawford
- Sonia Eubanks Barker
- Scott Flippo
- Justin Gonzales
- Missy Irvin

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- Lane Jean
- Mark Johnson
- Jack Ladyman
- Robin Lundstrum
- Roger Lynch
- Stephen Meeks
- Josh Miller
- John Payton
- Clint Penzo
- Terry Rice
- Marcus Richmond
- Johnny Rye
- Gary Stubblefield
- Dan Sullivan
- Danny Watson



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## *California*

- Shannon Grove
- Jessica Martinez\*\*

## *Colorado*

- Mark Baisley
- Rod Bockenfeld
- Mary Bradfield
- Marc Catlin
- Richard Holtorf
- Katie Lehr\*\*
- Stephanie Luck
- Mike Lynch
- Rod Pelton
- Melody Peotter

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- Janice Rich
- Shelli Shaw
- Matt Soper
- Kevin Van Winkle
- Tim Walsh
- Perry Will
- Savannah Wolfson
- Dan Woog

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## *Connecticut*

- Doug Dubitsky

## *Florida*

- Carolina Amesty
- Dennis Baxley
- Dean Black
- Lisette Bonano
- Jeremy Brown\*\*
- Maura Cruz Lanz
- Alicia Garcia
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- Brandon Beach
- Matt Brass
- Charlice Byrd
- Beth Camp
- David Clark
- Greg Dolezal
- Emory Dunahoo
- Barry Fleming
- Steve Gooch
- Marty Harbin
- Steven Meeks
- Colton Moore
- Trey Rhodes
- Jason Ridley
- Randy Robertson
- Ed Setzler
- Shawn Still
- Blake Tillery
- Bill Werkheiser
- Rick Williams

## Idaho

- Ben Adams
- Vito Barbieri

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- Barbara Ehardt
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- Wendy Horman
- Mike Kingsley
- Ron Mendive
- Brandon Mitchell
- Jason Monks
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- John Vander Woude
- Tony Wisniewski
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- Andrew Chesney



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- Paul Jacobs
- Jeff Keicher
- Seth Lewis
- Deanne Mazzochi
- Tony McCombie
- Martin McLaughlin
- Charles Meier
- Chris Miller\*\*
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- Joe Sosnowski
- Ryan Spain
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- Keith Wheeler
- Blaine Wilhour
- Patrick Windhorst



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## *Indiana*

- Christopher Judy

- Ryan Lauer



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## *Iowa*

- Christian Cournoyer
- Tom Determann
- Carrie Koelker
- Sandy Salmon
- Luana Stoltenberg\*\*

## *Kansas*

- Randy Garber
- Trevor Jacobs
- Les Mason

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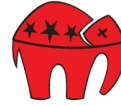
- Kimberly King

## *Maine*

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- Meldon Carmichael
- Amanda Collamore

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- Danny Costain
- Gary Drinkwater
- John Ducharme
- Billy Bob Faulkingham
- Steven Foster
- Randall Greenwood
- Abigail Griffin
- Randall Hall
- Jeffery Hanley
- Sherman Hutchins
- Kathy Javner
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- Laurel Libby
- John Linnehan
- Peter Lyford
- Sheila Lyman
- Richard Mason
- Sawin Millett
- Joshua Morris
- Daniel Newman
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- Michael Perkins
- Jennifer Poirier
- Tracy Quint
- Mark Rouillard
- Shelley Rudnicki
- Heidi Sampson



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- Joseph Underwood

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## *Maryland*

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- Mark Fisher
- Jeff Ghrist
- Susan McComas
- Matt Morgan
- William Newton

## *Michigan*

- Mike Aiello
- Andrew Beeler
- Joseph Bellino
- Robert Bezotte
- Ann Bollin
- Ken Borton
- Jon Bumstead
- Steve Carra
- Kevin Daley
- Andrew Fink
- Annette Glenn
- Matt Hall
- Mike Hoadley
- Michele Hoitenga
- Pamela Hornberger
- Ruth Johnson
- Dan Lauwers

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- Michele Lundgren
- Michael MacDonald
- Matt Maddock\*\*
- Greg Markkanen
- Ed McBroom
- Luke Meerman
- Tamara Mitchell
- Mike Mueller
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- Jack O'Malley
- Pat Outman
- Rick Outman
- Brad Paquette
- Bryan Posthumus
- Angela Rigas\*\*
- John Roth
- Jim Runestad
- Diane Saber\*\*
- Harry Sawicki
- Norm Shinkle
- Rachelle Smit
- Michelle Smith
- Lana Theis
- Curt Vanderwall
- Roger Victory
- Michael Webber
- Pauline Wendzel
- Douglas Wozniak
- Dale Zorn



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- Jeff Backer
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- Jeff Dotseth
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- Steve Drazkowski
- Mary Franson
- Steve Green
- Matt Grossell
- Glenn Gruenhagen
- John Heinrich
- John Jasinski
- Mark Koran
- Cynthia Lonquist
- Eric Lucero
- Shane Mekeland
- Erik Mortensen
- Pam Myhra
- Ken Navitsky
- Donald Raleigh
- Fern Smith
- Bill Weber

## Missouri

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- Hardy Billington
- Rusty Black
- Mitch Boggs
- Danny Busick
- Phil Christofanelli
- Jeff Coleman
- Mary Elizabeth Coleman
- Scott Cupps
- Dirk Deaton
- Chris Dinkins
- Bill Falkner
- Craig Fishel
- Travis Fitzwater
- Rick Francis
- Dave Griffith
- Kent Haden
- Mike Haffner
- Mike Henderson
- Dan Houx
- Brad Hudson
- Ann Kelley
- Hannah Kelley
- Jeff Knight
- Don Mayhew
- Mike McGirl
- Herman Morse
- Bradley Pollitt
- Rodger Reedy
- Doug Richey
- Louis Riggs



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## *Montana*

- Paul Fielder
- Steven Galloway
- Steve Gunderson
- Ed Hill
- Mark Noland
- Bob Phalen
- Jerry Schillinger
- Lola Sheldon-Galloway
- Brad Tschida

## *Nebraska*

- Robert Clements

## *Nevada*

- Cherlyn Arrington
- Paul Bodine
- Jacob Deaville



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- Jenann Logan
- Jon Petrick
- Ricci Rodriguez-Elkins
- Stan Vaughan

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## *New Hampshire*

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- Kevin Avard
- Harry Bean
- Melissa Blasek
- Jose Cambrils
- Barbara Comtois
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- Fenton Groen
- Jeremy Herrell\*\*
- Deborah Hobson
- Gary Hopper
- Dawn Johnson
- Melissa Litchfield
- Dick Marston
- Mark McConkey
- Jeanine Notter
- Tom Ploszaj
- Kevin Pratt
- Skip Rollins
- Terry Roy
- David Testerman

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- Jordan Ulery
- Scott Wallace
- Ken Weyler



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## *New Mexico*

- Elaine Allen
- John Block\*\*
- Cathrynn Brown
- Nicole Chavez
- Jay Groseclose
- Jason Harper
- Kathleen Jackson
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- Ellis McMath
- Lisa Meyer-Hagen
- Robert Moss
- Patrick Sais
- Robert Salazar
- Harlan Vincent
- Chuck Wendler

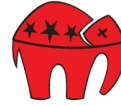
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- Brett Wynkoop

## *North Carolina*

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- Phil Berger
- Mark Brody
- Allen Chesser
- Mike Clampitt
- Warren Daniel
- Edward Goodwin
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- Ralph Hise
- Keith Kidwell
- Donnie Loftis\*\*
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- Tim Moffitt
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## *North Dakota*

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- Scott Wiggam

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- Ty Burns
- Chad Caldwell
- Trey Caldwell
- Sherrie Conley
- Rusty Cornwell
- Denise Crosswhite Hader
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- Chuck Hall
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- Ken Luttrell
- Robert Manger
- T. Marti
- Ryan Martinez
- Stan May
- Mark McBride
- Kevin McDugle
- Nicole Miller
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- Carl Newton
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- Cynthia Roe
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- Marilyn Stark
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- Danny Sterling
- Preston Stinson
- Judd Strom
- John Talley
- Mark Vancuren
- Kevin Wallace
- Darrell Weaver
- Tammy West
- Josh West
- Rick West
- Kevin West
- Danny Williams
- Rande Worthen



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## Oregon

- Vikki Breese-Iverson
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- Lily Morgan
- Werner Reschke
- David Brock Smith
- Kim Thatcher
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- Camera Bartolotta
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- Rosemary Brown
- Martin Causer
- Bud Cook
- Lynda Culver
- Bryan Cutler
- Eric Davanzo
- Russ Diamond
- George Dunbar
- Torren Ecker
- Joseph Emrick
- Mindy Fee
- Ann Flood
- Jonathan Fritz
- Valerie Gaydos
- Mark Gillen
- Barbara Gleim
- James Gregory
- Keith Greiner
- Seth Grove
- Joseph Hamm
- Doyle Heffley
- Tim Hennessey



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- Barry Jozwiak
- Joshua Kail
- Aaron Kaufer
- Rob Kauffman
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- Joseph Kerwin
- Kate Klunk
- Milou Mackenzie
- Ryan Mackenzie
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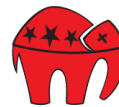


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## *Rhode Island*

- Elaine Morgan
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## *South Carolina*

- Mike Burns
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- Steven Long
- Josiah Magnuson

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- RJ May
- Ryan McCabe
- John McCravy
- Melissa Oremus
- Ashley Trantham
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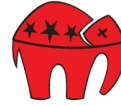
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- Julie Frye-Mueller
- Randy Gross
- Kevin Jensen
- Phil Jensen
- Elizabeth May
- Tina Mulally
- Carl Perry
- Tom Pischke
- Tony Randolph
- Larry P. Zikmund

## *Tennessee*

- Paul Bailey
- Dale Carr
- Scott Cepicky
- John Crawford
- Clay Doggett
- Rick Eldridge
- Esther Helton
- Dan Howell

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- Kelly Keisling
- Justin Lafferty
- Mary Littleton
- Pat Marsh
- Debra Moody
- Mark Pody
- Dennis Powers
- John Ragan
- Tim Rudd
- Chris Todd
- Todd Warner



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## *Texas*

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- Keith Bell
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- DeWayne Burns
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- Brandon Creighton
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- Frederick Frazier
- Ryan Guillen
- Kelly Hancock
- Cody Harris
- Cole Hefner

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- Jeff Leach
- Will Metcalf
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- Ashton Murray
- Candy Noble
- Tom Oliverson
- Tan Parker
- Jared Patterson
- Dennis Paul
- Angela Paxton\*\*
- Glenn Rogers
- Matt Schaefer
- Nate Schatzline
- Matt Shaheen
- Hugh Shine
- Bryan Slaton
- Shelby Slawson
- Reggie Smith
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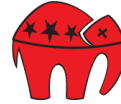


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## Utah



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- Phillip Lyman
- Mike Petersen
- Mike Schultz

## Vermont

- Sally Achey
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- William Canfield
- Jon Christiano
- Nancy Gassett
- Joe Gervais\*\*
- Rodney Graham
- Lisa Hango
- Mark Higley
- Russ Ingalls
- Samantha Lefebvre
- John Lyddy\*\*
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- Richard Morton
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- Arthur Peterson
- Carl Rosenquist
- Brian Smith
- Terri Williams
- Charles Wilson

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## Washington

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- Robert Sutherland
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- Jesse Young

## West Virginia

- Mike Azinger\*\*
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- Dean Jeffries
- Todd Longanacre
- Phil Mallow
- Pat McGeehan
- Chris Phillips
- Chris Pritt

## Wisconsin

- Janel Brandtjen
- Robert Brooks
- David Estenson\*\*
- Rick Gundrum
- André Jacque
- Dan Knodl
- Gae Magnafici
- Dave Murphy
- Jeff Mursau
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- Robin Vos
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## Wyoming

- Ocean Andrew
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- Bo Biteman
- Landon Brown
- Ogden Driskill
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- Larry S. Hicks
- Lynn Hutchings
- Bob Ide\*\*
- Mark Jennings
- Christopher Knapp
- Dan Laursen
- Chip Neiman
- Sandy Newsome
- Pepper Ottman
- Rachel Rodriguez-Williams
- Wendy Schuler
- Cheri Steinmetz
- Clarence Styvar
- Tom Walters
- John Winter

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**These individuals participated in the events in Washington DC on January 6th while serving in elected office or have since attempted to run for office.** Whether they failed to qualify for the ballot, were arrested for their role on Jan 6th, or were defeated at the ballot box, our democracy is safer with these individuals out of office.

- Richard Champion, Colorado\*\*
- Ron Hanks, Colorado\*\*
- Vernon Jones, Georgia\*\*
- Samson Racioppi, Massachusetts
- Mellissa Carone, Michigan
- Nevin Cooper-Keel, Michigan
- Jason Howland, Michigan
- Larry Hull, Michigan
- Jon Rocha, Michigan
- Andrew Sebolt, Michigan
- Michael Shallal, Michigan
- Justin Hill, Missouri\*\*
- Annie Black, Nevada\*\*
- Edward Durfee, New Jersey
- Kristen Hill, Ohio
- Terri Lynn Weaver, Tennessee\*\*
- Kyle Biedermann, Texas\*\*
- Bianca Gracia, Texas
- Mark Middleton, Texas



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- Maureen Brody, Virginia
- Philip Hamilton, Virginia
- Derrick Evans, West Virginia

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*\*\*Was a sitting state legislator on January 6th*

## *Seeking Higher Office*

**These state legislators have attempted or are currently running for higher office this cycle** despite their own participation in January 6th or in spreading Donald Trump's lies. Some of them are running for positions with the power to oversee elections in their states.

### *On the ballot in November:*

- Wes Allen, Alabama Secretary of State
- Andrew Sorrell, Alabama State Auditor
- Mark Finchem, Arizona Secretary of State\*\*
- Mark Lowery, Arkansas Treasurer
- Tyler Harper, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture
- Burt Jones, Georgia Lt. Governor
- Bruce Thompson, Georgia Commissioner of Labor
- Scott Bedke, Idaho Lt. Governor
- Dan Cox, Maryland Governor\*\*
- Eric Burlison, US Representative for Missouri
- Todd Russ, Oklahoma Treasurer
- Doug Mastriano, Pennsylvania Governor\*\*
- Jake Ellzey, US Representative for Texas (first elected in 2020)
- Chuck Gray, Wyoming Secretary of State


## Unsuccessful campaigns:

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- Christopher Kurka, Alaska Governor
- Walter Blackman, Arizona Congress
- Shawna Bolick, Arizona Secretary of State
- Jason Rapert, Arkansas Lt. Governor
- Brandt Smith, US Representative for Arkansas
- Melissa Melendez, US Representative for California
- Ron Hanks, US Senator for Colorado\*\*
- Dave Williams, US Representative for Colorado
- Jason Fischer, US Representative for Florida
- Anthony Sabatini, US Representative for Florida
- Timothy Barr, US Representative for Georgia
- Vernon Jones, US Representative for Georgia\*\*
- Priscilla Sue Giddings, Idaho Lt. Governor
- Dorothy Moon, Idaho Secretary of State
- Mary Souza, Idaho Secretary of State
- Jim Carlin, US Senator for Iowa
- Tom Barrett, US Representative for Michigan
- Beau LaFave, Michigan Secretary of State
- Jeremy Munson, US Representative for Minnesota
- Robert Foster, Mississippi Governor
- David Gregory, Missouri State Auditor
- Mike Moon, US Representative for Missouri
- Jim Neely, Missouri Governor
- Sara Walsh, US Representative for Missouri
- Annie Black, US Representative for Nevada\*\*
- Tim Baxter, US Representative for New Hampshire
- Nathan Dahm, US Senator for Oklahoma
- Avery Frix, US Representative for Oklahoma

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- Dustin Roberts, US Representative for Oklahoma ^
- Sean Roberts, Oklahoma Commissioner of Labor
- Jake Corman, Pennsylvania Governor  [Donate](#)
- Steve Hausgaard, South Dakota Governor
- Taffy Howard, US Representative for South Dakota
- James White, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture
- Amanda Chase, Virginia Governor\*\*
- Brad Klippert, US Representative for Washington
- Vicki Kraft, US Representative for Washington
- Timothy Ramthun, Wisconsin Governor
- Anthony Bouchard, US Representative for Wyoming

\*\*Was in Washington DC on January 6th

## *Off-Cycle Candidates*

**These state legislators will not face voters in the 2022 midterms but represent a threat to democracy just the same.** We will not let their actions be forgotten and will be ready the next time they appear on the ballot.

### *Kansas*

- Mark Steffen
- Alicia Straub

### *Louisiana*

- Beryl Amedee
- Tony Bacala
- Rhonda Butler
- Stewart Cathey

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- Heather Cloud
- Raymond Crews
- Phillip DeVillier
- Michael Echols
- Richmond Edmonds
- Kathy Edmonston
- Julie Emerson
- Larry Frieman
- Foy Gadberry
- Ray Garofalo
- Sharon Hewitt
- Valarie Hodges
- Dodie Horton
- Sherman Mack
- Danny McCormick
- Jack McFarland
- Blake Miguez
- Jay Morris
- Joe Orgeron
- Charles Owen
- Robert Owen
- Troy Romero
- Rodney Schamerhorn
- Alan Seabaugh
- Beth Sherman Mizell

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## *Mississippi*

- Steve Hopkins
- Michael McLendon
- Brady Williamson

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## Missouri

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- Holly Rehder

## Montana

- Bob Brown
- Carl Glimm
- Theresa Manzella

## New Jersey

- Michael Doherty
- James Holzapfel
- Joseph Pennacchio
- Robert Singer
- Michael Testa

## Oklahoma

- Michael Bergstrom
- George Burns
- Warren Hamilton
- Shane Jett
- Casey Murdock
- Roland Pederson
- Cody Rogers
- Rob Standridge
- Blake Stephens



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## Oregon



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- Dennis Linthicum

## Pennsylvania

- David Argall
- John DiSanto
- Cris Dush
- John Gordner
- Scott Hutchinson
- Wayne Langerholc
- Daniel Laughlin
- Scott Martin
- Joe Pittman
- Mike Regan
- Devlin Robinson
- Kim Ward
- Gene Yaw

## South Carolina

- Tom Corbin
- Rex Rice

## Tennessee

- Janice Bowling
- Joey Hensley
- Frank Niceley

- John Stevens



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## Virginia



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- Ronnie Campbell
- Amanda Chase\*\*
- Mark Cole
- Glenn Davis
- Dave LaRock\*\*
- Marie March\*\*
- John McGuire\*\*

## Wyoming

- Brian Boner
- Ed Cooper
- Dan Dockstader
- Affie Ellis
- Tim French
- Dave Kinskey
- John Kolb
- Troy McKeown
- Tim Salazar


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## Out of the Running

**Whether they resigned, lost, or were otherwise removed from office,** these elected officials and former candidates all took actions or made statements that made them complicit

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with the Big Lie and the ongoing attack on our democracy and this will forever be a part of their legacies. Our democracy is safer without them.  represent [Donate](#)

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- Tommy Hanes

## *Alaska*

- Lora Reinbold
- Colleen Sullivan-Leonard

## *Arizona*

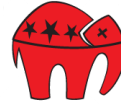
- Sylvia Allen
- Brenda Barton
- Paul Boyer
- Judy Burges
- Noel Campbell
- John Fillmore
- Vince Leach
- Steve Pierce
- Tony Rivero
- Bret Roberts
- Bob Thorpe
- Kelly Townsend

## *Arkansas*



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- Bob Ballinger
- Jill Bryant
- Joe Cloud
- Jana Della Rosa
- Trent Garner
- Rebecca Petty
- Laurie Rushing
- Nelda Speaks



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## Colorado

- Richard Champion\*\*
- Andres Pico

## Florida

- Anthony Sabatini

## Georgia

- Dave Belton
- Wes Cantrell
- Sheri Gilligan
- Matt Gurtler
- Don Hogan
- Jeff Jones
- William Ligon
- Sheila McNeill
- Greg Morris
- Jeff Mullis
- Ken Pullin

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- Philip Singleton
- Lindsey Tippins
- Renee Unterman



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## *Idaho*

- Randy Armstrong
- Regina Bayer
- Chad Christensen
- Terry Gestrin
- Karey Hanks
- Ryan Kerby
- Ronald Nate
- Steven Thayn
- Steve Vick
- Aaron von Ehlinger
- Christy Zito

## *Illinois*

- Felicity Solomon

## *Indiana*

- John Jacob
- Curt Nisly

## *Kansas*

- Tatum Lee



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## Maine



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- Thomas Martin
- Fred Sanborn-Silvers
- Peggy Stanley
- Nathan Wadsworth

## Massachusetts

- Samson Racioppi

## Michigan

- Julie Alexander
- Mellissa Carone\*\*
- Nevin Cooper-Keel\*\*
- Gary Eisen
- Beth Griffin
- Jason Howland\*\*
- Larry Hull\*\*
- Steven Johnson
- Bronna Kahle
- Kim LaSata
- Terence Mekoski
- John Reilly
- Daire Rendon
- Jon Rocha\*\*
- Andrew Sebolt\*\*
- Michael Shallal\*\*
- Rodney Wakeman

## Minnesota

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- Bret Bussman
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- Mary Kiffmeyer
- Tim Miller
- John Poston

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## *Missouri*

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- Dottie Bailey
- Chuck Basye
- Jack Bondon
- Bruce DeGroot
- Dean Dohrman
- John Eggleston
- Derek Grier
- Aaron Griescheimer
- Jim Hansen
- Justin Hill\*\*
- Tom Hurst
- Bill Kidd
- Glen Kolkmeier
- Warren Love
- Andrew McDaniel
- Jeff Messenger
- Lynn Morris
- Dave Muntzel
- Jim Murphy
- Bob Onder
- Randy Pietzman

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- Patricia Pike
- Suzie Pollock
- Jeff Porter
- Tim Remole
- Shane Roden
- Don Rone
- Robert Ross
- Dan Shaul
- Jeff Shawan
- John Simmons
- Bryan Spencer
- Chrissy Summer
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- Jered Taylor
- Rob Vescovo
- Wayne Wallingford
- John Wiemann



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## *Montana*

- Cary Smith

## *Nevada*

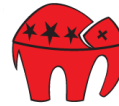
- Jim Wheeler

## *New Hampshire*

- Glen Aldrich
- James Allard
- Al Baldasaro

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- Gregg Hough
- Richard Littlefield
- Matthew Santonastaso
- Norman Silber
- Michael Sylvia



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## *New Jersey*

- Edward Durfee\*\*

## *New York*

- Kieran Lalor

## *North Carolina*

- Larry Pittman
- Bob Steinburg

## *North Dakota*

- Oley Larsen

## *Ohio*

- Kristen Hill\*\*
- Terry Johnson
- Paul Zeltwanger

## *Oklahoma*

- Mark Allen

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- Carol Bush
- Sheila Dills
- James Leewright
- Jake Merrick
- Garry Mize
- Jadine Nollan
- Wendi Stearman



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## Oregon

- Greg Barreto
- Gary Leif
- Mike Nearman
- Alan Olsen
- Bill Post
- Chuck Thomsen

## Pennsylvania

- Dave Arnold
- Karen Boback
- Patrick Browne
- Jim Cox
- Gary Day
- Matt Dowling
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- Sue Helm
- John Hershey
- David Hickernell
- Jerome Knowles
- Andrew Lewis

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- Michael Puskaric
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- Mike Reese
- Francis Ryan
- Thomas Sankey
- Mario Scavello
- Jason Silvis
- Curt Sonney
- Mike Tobash
- Tarah Toohil
- Jeff Wheeland



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## *South Carolina*

- Lin Bennett
- Vic Dabney

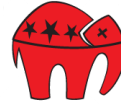
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- Scyller Borglum
- Thomas Brunner
- Drew Dennert
- Tim Goodwin
- Lana Greenfield
- Charlie Hoffman
- Isaac Latterell



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- Steve Livermont
- Sam Marty
- Doug Post
- Lance Russell
- Kaleb Weis
- Marli Wiese
- Nancy York

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## *Tennessee*

- Kent Calfee
- Glen Casada
- Bruce Griffey
- Mark Hall
- Brandon Ogles
- Jerry Sexton
- Robin Smith
- Terri Lynn Weaver\*\*

## *Texas*

- Kyle Biedermann\*\*
- Jeff Cason
- Bianca Gracia\*\*
- Matt Krause
- Mike Lang
- Ben Leman
- Mark Middleton\*\*
- Scott Sanford
- Phil Stephenson
- Jonathan Stickland

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## Utah



- Steve Christiansen

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## Virginia

- Maureen Brody\*\*
- Philip Hamilton\*\*

## Washington

- Matt Shea

## West Virginia

- Roger Conley
- Derrick Evans\*\*
- Joe Jeffries
- Tony Paynter
- Guy Ward

## Wisconsin

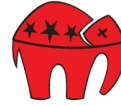
- Cody Horlacher
- Joe Sanfelippo
- Jeremy Thiesfeldt

## Wyoming

- Wyatt Agar
- Mark Baker

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- [Jim Blackburn](#)
- [Aaron Clausen](#)
- [Scott Clem](#)
- [Mike Greear](#)
- [Tim Hallinan](#)
- [Hans Hunt](#)
- [Tom James](#)
- [Mark Kinner](#)
- [David Miller](#)
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- [Drew Perkins](#)
- [Bob Wharff](#)
- [Sue Wilson](#)



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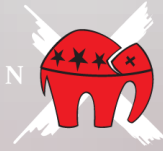
*\*\*Was in Washington DC on January 6th*

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We want to hold every public official who is complicit in the attack on our democracy accountable. If you know of a state legislator or a candidate for state legislature who was involved with the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, helped fuel the deadly riots, tried to overturn the election results, or continues to spread the lie that the election was stolen, reach out to our tipline: [accountability@dlcc.org](mailto:accountability@dlcc.org)



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# Exhibit B



# Join the fight! Support Democrats like Jim Boyle running for the Maine House:

## Choose an amount:

Your contribution will benefit Maine House Democratic Campaign Committee.

\$10

\$25

\$50

\$100

\$250

\$ 5.00

## Make it monthly!

**Yes, count me in!**

No, donate once

## Checkout

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2. This contribution is made from my own funds, and funds are not being provided to me by another person or entity for the purpose of making this contribution.
3. I am at least eighteen years old.
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# Join the fight! Support local Democrats like Raegan running for the Maine House:

## Choose an amount:

Your contribution will benefit Maine House Democratic Campaign Committee.

\$10

\$25

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\$100

\$250

\$500

\$1,000

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# Exhibit C



# NEW RSLC POLL: MAINE DEMOCRATS IN STATE LEGISLATURE ON THE ROPES AHEAD OF NOVEMBER

JUL 8

**WASHINGTON, D.C.-** A new Cygnal poll commissioned by the Republican State Leadership Committee finds that Democrats in Augusta are on the ropes ahead of November as a result of their disastrous economic agenda, and Republicans are on track to make gains in the Legislature.

The survey found:

- Maine Democrats are only slightly leading on the state legislative generic ballot by just one point and well within the survey's margin of error (48%-47%).
  - Independents prefer the Republican candidate by 5 points.
- President Biden's image in the state is underwater at 45%-52%.
- The top issue Mainers want their state government to focus on is addressing the cost of living (31%).
- The economic agenda Maine Democrats have pursued is deeply unpopular with voters.
  - Mainers are 69% less likely to vote for a state legislative candidate who supported legislation to raise the gas tax and the cost of home heating oil.

- Mainers are **65%** less likely to vote for a candidate for state legislature who voted to hike health care costs.

Read the full Maine polling memo from Cygnal [HERE](#).

“With inflation soaring, Mainers realize Democrats in Augusta have failed them and that they cannot afford their agenda of higher taxes on critical items like gas, heating oil, and health care. Voters are ready for change and this November will be turning to Republican candidates who are laser-focused on commonsense policies to bring down the cost of living for their constituents.” - **RSLC National Press Secretary Stephanie Rivera.**

**BACKGROUND**

The RSLC in March [announced](#) the committee is targeting Maine as a state where Republicans can make meaningful gains in the Legislature.

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<p>&lt;</p>	<p><b>NEW RSLC-WA PAC POLL: REPUBLICANS WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE ON STATE LEGISLATIVE GENERIC BALLOT IN DEEP BLUE WASHINGTON STATE</b></p>	<p>&gt;</p>	<p><b>WHAT THEY ARE SAYING: "ECONOMY OVERRIDES ABORTION AS BATTLEGROUND VOTER TOP CONCERN POST-ROE: POLL"</b></p>
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First Name	Last Name
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# RSLC UNVEILS BACK TO SCHOOL VIDEO SERIES TARGETING FIVE KEY BATTLEGROUND STATES

AUG 22

**Washington, D.C. – As states across the country begin to welcome back students for the upcoming school year, the Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC) today launched a series of videos in five of the committee’s target states reminding voters of state Democrats’ destructive education policies. The videos contrast the Democrats’ educational platform of less parental involvement, less transparency, and fewer graduation requirements, with the Republican agenda of prioritizing traditional learning, promoting accountability, and encouraging parents to have a say in their children’s curriculum.**

The social media campaign also spotlights the failed results Democratic educational policies have produced in some of the RSLC’s [top target states to flip state legislative chambers](#) that include, Colorado, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada and Oregon.

“Unnecessary lockdowns, catastrophic learning restrictions, and a divisive curriculum: parents across the country have learned the hard way in recent years the consequences of letting Democrats use public education to advance their political agenda,” **said RSLC President Dee Duncan.** “While Democrat politicians think that they know what is best for students, state Republicans will always give parents a voice instead of vilifying them for wanting to have a say in their child’s education and future.”

Watch “Back to School” NV [HERE.](#)



## "Back to School": NV



Watch “Back to School” CO [HERE](#).

Watch “Back to School” MN [HERE](#).

Watch “Back to School” OR [HERE](#).

Watch “Back to School” ME [HERE](#).

### **BACKGROUND**

**Liberal leadership in Colorado, Maine, Minnesota Nevada, and Oregon continues to produce negative results for the students of each state.**

- In 2021, [Fox 31 Denver](#) reported that Colorado students showed “significant decreases” in achievement for standardized tests from 2019 to 2021.
- In 2021, the [Bangor Daily News](#) reported on the negative effects that remote learning had on Maine students.
- In 2021 proficiency rates fell 11 percentage points in math, to 44 percent, and 7 points in reading to 53 percent [in Minnesota](#).
- Earlier this year, [Nevada](#) was ranked 49th in educational attainment.
- In 2021, the Oregon legislature passed [Senate Bill 744](#) that suspends Oregon's essential skills graduation requirement for three years.

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< **RSLC STATEMENT ON  
NEW YORK PRIMARY** **REPUBLICAN-LED  
STATES PRODUCE  
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NUMBERS COUNTERING  
BIDEN'S FAILING  
ECONOMIC AGENDA** >

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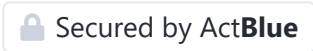
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# **Exhibit D**



# Join the fight! Chip in today.

Your grassroots donation will help provide state Democrats with the resources, staff, and technology to win elections at the state level — but it all depends on your support.

**Can you make a donation today?**

**Choose an amount:**

Your contribution will benefit Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee.

**\$10**

**\$25**

**\$50**

**\$100**

**\$250**

**\$500**

**\$1,000**

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3. I am at least eighteen years old.

By providing your cell phone number you consent to receive recurring updates from the DLCC by automated text message. Txt HELP for help, STOP to end. Msg & Data rates may apply.

The Stop the Insurrectionists Fund will support the DLCC's efforts to elect Democrats to state legislatures nationwide.

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William Clardy  
13 Maple Street, Apt 1  
Augusta, ME 04330  
(207) 242-7248  
May 12, 2023

Subject: Complaint against Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee –  
Additional Evidence

Jonathan Wayne  
Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices  
135 SHS  
Augusta, ME 04333

Director Wayne,

Some clarification is necessary regarding the evidence accompanying my initial complaint against the DLCC. I did not rely only on six Maine-specific web pages and a single press release and in drawing my conclusions. In the interests of clarity and brevity, I only presented what I considered sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the DLCC crossed key legal thresholds.

The attached material is provided so that the Commission and the Commission’s staff are explicitly aware of additional evidence which they and the DLCC may wish to address. Because the attached material is drawn from public items already in the DLCC’s possession, disclosure does not disadvantage the DLCC beyond mooted any decisions they may have made to not self-disclose.

**Additional Maine candidates individually highlighted on dlcc.org**

In addition to the Maine candidates whom I included in my complaint, at least 14 other Maine candidates in the November 2022 general election were individually featured on dlcc.org pages. Printed copies of those “candidate highlight” pages are included in the attachment. The Democratic Party candidates individually highlighted are:

District	Candidate	District	Candidate
HD 3	David McCrea	SD 1	Troy Jackson
HD 9	Anne Perry	SD 13	Cameron Reny
HD 22	Laura Supica	SD 14	Craig Hickman

District	Candidate	District	Candidate
HD 31	Richard Evans	SD 20	Bettyann Sheats
HD 59	Raegan LaRochelle	SD 27	Jill Duson
HD 95	Mana Abdi	SD 30	Stacy Brenner
HD 118	Rachel Talbot Ross	SD 34	Joe Rafferty
HD 126	Drew Gattine		
HD 145	Dan Hobbs		

**DLCC-published announcements advocating for or against Maine candidates**

The September 20, 2022, DLCC announcement of their “Maine Threats” web page provides an unambiguous juxtaposition of the DLCC avowed commitment to “identifying, tracking, and condemning”<sup>1</sup> hundreds of Republican state lawmakers with an explicit list of 3 Maine legislative candidates, but it is not the only instance of the DLCC expressly advocating for or against Maine candidates in 2022 directly on [dlcc.org](https://dlcc.org).

On May 18, 2022, the DLCC published an announcement headlined “34 Maine Republican State Legislators Are Members of Far-Right Facebook Groups”<sup>2</sup>. In the second paragraph, DLCC President Jessica Post says, “[R]adical views are rapidly becoming the norm of the Republican Party, ... and it has dangerous consequences for the future of our country. Electorally, the only way to challenge deadly extremism, protect our basic freedoms, and protect our democracy is to elect Democrats to statehouses this fall.” The announcement includes a list of 34 Maine senators and representatives whom the DLCC claims are or were members of Facebook groups which the DLCC labels “far-right.”

Twenty-six of those 34 named legislators were candidates campaigning in Maine primaries on the day the DLCC published their announcement:

Named Maine Candidate	
David Woodsome	MaryAnne Kinney
Harold Stewart	Matthew Harrington
Heidi Sampson	Matthew Pouliot
Jeffery Gifford (deceased)	Nathan Carlow
Jeffrey Timberlake	Randall Greenwood

<sup>1</sup> <https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-at-least-23-of-maine-republican-legislative-candidates-pose-active-threat-to-our-democracy/>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://dlcc.org/press/34-maine-republican-state-legislators-are-members-of-far-right-facebook-groups/>, retrieved March 27, 2023



Named Maine Candidate	
Jennifer Poirier	Richard Bradstreet
John Andrews	Richard Mason
John Ducharme	Sheila Lyman
Josanne Dolloff	Shelley Rudnicki
Joshua Morris	Stacey Guerin
Kathy Javner	Susan Bernard
Laurel Libby	Wayne Parry
Mark Blier	William Faulkingham

On September 12, 2022, the DLCC published a “[Reproductive Freedom Fighters](#)” blog post<sup>3</sup> with a headline of “20 pro-choice candidates in must-win races who need your support right now.” After declaring, “It’s urgent we elect pro-choice advocates to state legislatures across the country”, the DLCC’s post features a list of 19 “state legislative candidates committed to protecting choice and access to health care.”<sup>4</sup> Among the listees are 2 clearly identified Maine candidates:

- Rachel Talbot Ross
- Stacy Brenner

Each entry on the DLCC’s list includes the candidate’s name, picture, legislative district and a short description of that candidate’s merits as a “reproductive freedom fighter.”

After the election, the DLCC published an additional press announcement on dlcc.org announcing a “2022 Victory Memo” authored by DLCC President Jessica Post.<sup>5</sup> Ms. Post’s memo makes it clear that the DLCC considered their “[Threats to Democracy](#)” web site to be a high-profile project by explicitly listing it among the DLCC’s “Smart Strategies.”<sup>6</sup> Ms. Post went so far as explicitly crediting the “[Threats to Democracy](#)” web site with defeating “dozens” of candidates by elevating “a critical wedge issue.” While this “victory memo” does not directly advocate for specific Maine candidates, it does make it clear that the DLCC’s “Maine Threats” advocacy was an approved component in their 2022 strategy.

<sup>3</sup> <https://dlcc.org/blog/reproductive-freedom-fighters/>, retrieved March 27, 2023

<sup>4</sup> While the post repeatedly refers to a 20-candidate slate, only 19 candidates are actually listed.

<sup>5</sup> <https://dlcc.org/press/new-dlcc-releases-strategy-memo-detailing-historic-midterm-victories>, retrieved March 27, 2023

<sup>6</sup> [https://dlcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/DLCC\\_2022\\_Victory\\_Memo.pdf](https://dlcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/DLCC_2022_Victory_Memo.pdf), retrieved March 27, 2023

## **DLCC online fund-raising for Maine candidates**

While the DLCC exhibit highlights a still-active fundraising page which is clearly not Maine-specific, they chose not to include any comparable screen captures of pages linked to from the candidate highlight pages. A listing of the candidates highlighted and the corresponding fund-raising URLs can be found on the first page of the attachment.

I have also provided a printed copy of one of the district-specific fund-raising pages, which was displayed when I clicked on one of the dollar amounts below **“Donate directly to Rachel Talbot Ross”**. The “Fundraiser Information” box is unambiguous about the identity of the organizer. While I have no ready means for discerning what a potential contributor would have seen when the fundraiser was operational, the text I highlighted at the top of the page (“Join the fight! Support Rachel Talbot Ross for Maine House: — Donate via ActBlue”) seems to bely Mr. Berkon’s assertion that the donation page “clearly indicated that donors would be contributing to the DLCC’s efforts to elect Democrats everywhere and not specifically in any state, including Maine.” That text is embedded in HTML metadata as the title of the page.

The “Donate” links on 2022 candidate highlight pages do not all lead to DLCC-sponsored fund-raising pages:

- Five pages have links which direct potential donors to an ActBlue page apparently managed by the Maine House Democratic Campaign Committee.
- Five pages have links which direct potential donors to district-specific ActBlue pages apparently managed by the DLCC.
- Five pages have links which direct potential donors to a fundraising page “paid for and authorized by” the Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee.
- One page has a broken link which appears intended to direct potential donors to the Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee’s fundraising page.

With eleven pages featuring variants of “Donate to support candidates like \_\_\_\_\_ in Maine” and five with some variant of “Contribute directly to \_\_\_\_\_”, it seems reasonable to conclude that the DLCC at least attempted to raise money to raise money with a promise to influence the outcome of several elections in Maine. It also seems reasonable to ask how much money the DLCC received from the district-specific fundraisers, and how much of that money was passed on to the named candidate. Even their accounting system should be precise enough to answer those questions.

**Conclusion**

It is important to note that none of the DLCC’s advocacy is inherently illegal, not even their choice to revive the classic American “committee of vigilance” tradition with their “Threats to Democracy” website. Only their steadfast refusal to register as a Maine PAC makes everything else Maine-specific – the hundreds of thousands of dollars donated to Maine PACs, the unknown quantities of money raised, the endorsements and condemnations of specific Maine candidates – illegal under Maine law.

Sincerely,



William Clardy

enclosures: 1

District	Candidate	DLCC Spotlight URL
HD 3	David McCrea	<a href="https://dlcc.org/candidates/david-mccrea/">https://dlcc.org/candidates/david-mccrea/</a>
HD 9	Anne Perry	<a href="https://dlcc.org/candidates/anne-perry/">https://dlcc.org/candidates/anne-perry/</a>
HD 22	Laura Supica	<a href="https://dlcc.org/candidates/laura-supica/">https://dlcc.org/candidates/laura-supica/</a>
HD 31	Richard Evans	<a href="https://dlcc.org/candidates/richard-evans/">https://dlcc.org/candidates/richard-evans/</a>
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HD 95	Mana Abdi	<a href="https://dlcc.org/candidates/mana-abdi/">https://dlcc.org/candidates/mana-abdi/</a>
HD 118	Rachel Talbot Ross	<a href="https://dlcc.org/candidates/rachel-talbot-ross/">https://dlcc.org/candidates/rachel-talbot-ross/</a>
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District	Candidate	DLCC Fund-raising Button URL
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HD 31	Richard Evans	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-31?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-31?express_lane=true</a>
HD 59	Raegan LaRochelle	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true</a>
HD 95	Mana Abdi	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-95?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-95?express_lane=true</a>
HD 118	Rachel Talbot Ross	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-118?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-118?express_lane=true</a>
HD 126	Drew Gattine	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-126?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-126?express_lane=true</a>
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SD 34	Joe Rafferty	<a href="https://www.mainesdcc.com/">https://www.mainesdcc.com/</a>

# This fundraiser is not currently accepting any donations.

Thank you for your interest in making a donation. At this time, the fundraiser is not accepting donations. This may be temporary.

If you have any questions, please [contact us](#) and we'll do our best to help.

## Fundraiser Information

Fundraiser: Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee

Website: <http://www.dlcc.org> 

**Maine  
House of Representative  
Candidates**



DONATE NOW



ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE HD 3

# David McCrea

Dave McCrea is a lifelong Mainer and spent almost 50 years as a beloved public school teacher.



Donate to support candidates like David McCrea in Maine

\$5	\$25	\$50
\$100	\$250	OTHER

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## About David

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ETH-127



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education expertise to his three terms in the state House. Serving on the House Education and Cultural Affairs committee, he helped pass a bill to make textbooks more affordable. Now running for his fourth term, Dave continues to work for a better Maine, fighting for strong public education, protected wilderness, and access to affordable health care.



- Helped cut costs for Maine college and high school students
- Worked to [expand broadband](#) throughout rural communities
- Brought together environmental groups and the business community to set a statewide policy on single-use plastic bags

WHERE DAVID IS FOCUSING

## On the Issues

Advocate for Students



Environmental Hero



# Next





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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE HD 9

# Anne Perry

Representative Anne Perry is a retired family nurse practitioner hailing from the heart of HD-9.



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## About Anne

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**ETH-129**



currently serving her seventh term fighting for crucial issues such as increased MaineCare funding and safe drinking water. After helping her community on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, she is running for an eighth term to continue fighting for rural Maine communities.


- Fights to protect the environment
- Works to lower health care costs and increase the quality of care
- Knows firsthand the needs of [rural Maine communities](#)



WHERE ANNE IS FOCUSING

# On the Issues

 Environmental Hero

 Health Care Defender

 Rural Democratic Fighter

# Next



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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE HD 22

# Laura Supica

Representative Laura Supica was inspired to first run for public office after working multiple local service jobs just to make ends meet.



Donate to support candidates like Laura Supica in Maine

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\$100	\$250	OTHER

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## About Laura



ETH-131



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election to Bangor’s City Council, Laura ran for the state legislature. In her first term, she helped members of her community get ahead by sponsoring legislation to extend paid family leave benefits and expanding health care coverage, including adding dental coverage to MaineCare. Laura is running for a second term to continue working to cut costs for all Mainers.




- Fought to expand health care coverage and [family leave benefits](#)
- Sponsored legislation to expand voting rights
- Worked with local authorities to address housing shortages

WHERE LAURA IS FOCUSING

# On the Issues

 **Health Care Defender**

 **Infrastructure Innovator**

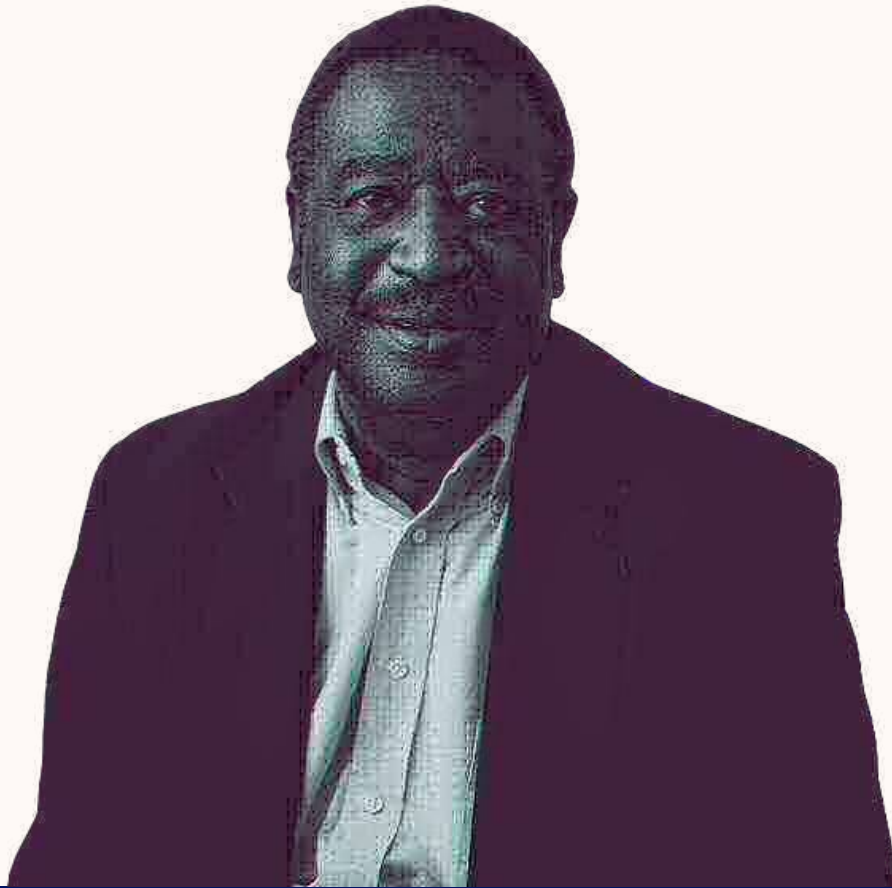
 **Voting Rights Champion**

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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE HD 31

# Richard Evans

Representative Richard Evans is a trusted medical expert and valued community member.



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Medical Association, Richard brings statewide respect and expertise to the local level. The first Democrat to serve Piscataquis County in three decades, Richard is a valued voice for his community. He is running to continue fighting to respond to the opioid crisis, protect local industry, and make health care more affordable for all Mainers.



- Staunch advocate for [rural Maine communities](#)
- Health care expert, ready to help lower costs and expand care

WHERE RICHARD IS FOCUSING

# On the Issues

 **Health Care Defender**

 **Rural Democratic Fighter**

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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE HD 59

# Raegan LaRochelle

Representative Raegan LaRochelle is a local small business owner, coach for her children's sports teams, and former city councilor for her hometown of Augusta.



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## ABOUT RAEGAN


Representative Raegan LaRochele is a local small business owner, coach for her children’s sports teams, and former city councilor for her hometown of Augusta. In 2021, Raegan flipped a seat that Republicans had held for over a decade by knocking on thousands of doors and speaking directly to her neighbors about the issues that mattered most. Raegan is excited to continue improving public education and protecting small businesses for her home community and all of Maine.


- Sponsored legislation that would improve education without raising taxes
- Worked to protect small businesses and ensure workers are supported



### WHERE RAEGAN IS FOCUSING

## On the Issues

 Advocate for Students

 Small Business Advocate

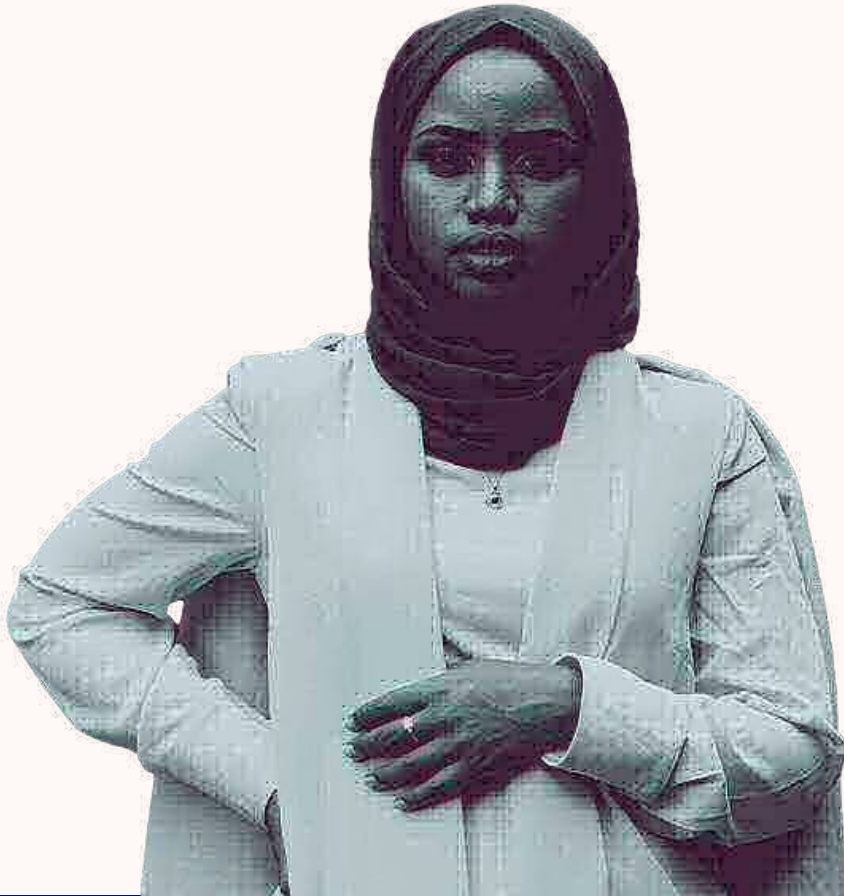
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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE HD 95

# Mana Abdi

Mana Abdi came to Maine in 2009 as a refugee and built a career helping first-generation students navigate higher education. Now, she's proudly serving as one of the first Somali-American legislators in Maine.



## Donate directly to Mana Abdi

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## ABOUT MANA

Mana Abdi was born in a Kenyan refugee camp, and as a child, her family immigrated to the United States to seek a better life. Mana worked through college and later became a program coordinator to serve as a mentor for students at Bates College. As a member of the House, Mana would be [the first Somali-American member of the Maine legislature](#). She will fight for better public education, affordable housing, and an economy that works for everyone.

- Devoted to expanding affordable housing
- Committed to helping younger, diverse Mainers thrive economically
- Focused on increasing access to [high-quality public education](#)

### WHERE MANA IS FOCUSING

## On the Issues

Advocate for Students



Leader on Economic Growth



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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE HD 118

# Rachel Talbot Ross

Representative Rachel Talbot Ross is a ninth-generation Mainer, dedicated public servant, and lifelong social justice advocate.



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## About Rachel



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House, Rachel led numerous advocacy organizations, including the NAACP of Maine. Rachel is the [first and only Black woman elected to the Maine legislature](#). She has risen to the role of House Majority Whip after fighting to enact police reform, increase health care benefits, and pass legislation that will benefit all Mainers.



- Co-sponsored multiple bills that expand Indigenous rights and sovereignty
- Helped expand postnatal health care coverage under MaineCare
- Fought for measures to hold police departments accountable

WHERE RACHEL IS FOCUSING

## On the Issues

 **Fighter for Equality**

 **Health Care Defender**

 **Reproductive Rights Advocate**

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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE HD 126

# Drew Gattine

Representative Drew Gattine has deep Maine roots, serving eight years in the Maine House and most recently as chair of the Maine Democratic Party.



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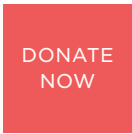


## About Drew

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In the House, Drew was chair of the House Appropriations Committee, which was instrumental in passing historic budgets and increased funding packages for [public education](#). Seeking a fifth term in the newly created HD-126, Drew is excited to continue fighting for high-quality public education and [more affordable health care](#) for all Mainers.



- Helped champion Maine’s popular [Medicaid expansion](#)
- Fought for expanded public school budgets

WHERE DREW IS FOCUSING

## On the Issues

 Advocate for Students

 Health Care Defender

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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE HD 145

# Dan Hobbs

Former Representative Dan Hobbs is a retired flight attendant, former selectman, and a beloved local school bus driver.



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## About Dan



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a lawmaker in the Maine House, Dan was a relentless advocate for the environment, working to protect coastal communities from [offshore oil and gas drilling](#). Dan is excited to return to the legislature to fight for the futures of the children he drives to school and create a better Maine where all families can thrive.

- Strong advocate for increased local school funding
- Champion for Maine’s natural resources



WHERE DAN IS FOCUSING

# On the Issues

Environmental Hero

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WISCONSIN SD 8

**ETH-144**



# **Maine Senate Candidates**



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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE SD 1

# Troy Jackson

Senate President Troy Jackson is a lifelong Mainer, fifth-generation logger, and relentless advocate for everyone in his state.



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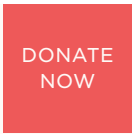
## About Troy



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elected Senate president in 2018, Troy has led his colleagues to pass impactful legislation. Running for his seventh term in office, Troy will continue to utilize his deep community ties and immeasurable leadership to fight for a better Maine.

- Brings a union background to protecting workers and local economies
- Fights for more accessible and affordable health care
- Helps students thrive through expanded school resources and increased teacher pay



WHERE TROY IS FOCUSING

# On the Issues


**Champion for Veterans**



**Health Care Defender**



**Stands Up for Labor**



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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE SD 13

# Cameron Reny

Cameron Reny was molded by her working-class Maine family.



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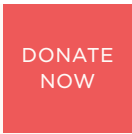


## About Cameron

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students and help their families to thrive. In the legislature, Cameron will fight for all Mainers, work to expand health care coverage, protect Maine’s diverse environment, and enact [education policies](#) that ensure every student in the state has access to quality public education.

- Prioritizes [renewable energy projects](#) that bring good-paying, green jobs
- Centers students in policy-making and advocacy
- Advocates for the reproductive rights of all Mainers



WHERE CAMERON IS FOCUSING

# On the Issues

**Advocate for Students**

**Environmental Hero**

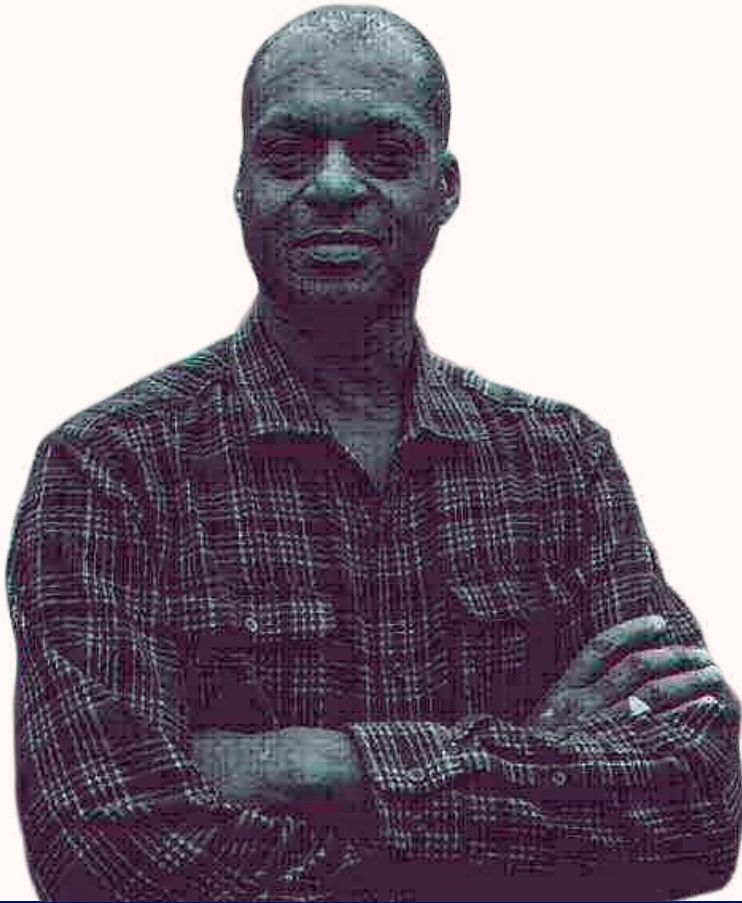
**Health Care Defender**

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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE SD 14

# Craig Hickman

Senator Craig Hickman – an organic farmer, poet, and small business owner – is truly a jack of all trades.



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## About Craig

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tangible difference for the people of Maine, leading efforts to pass criminal justice reform and expand voting rights. The first openly gay Black member of the legislature and the first Black man to serve in both chambers, Craig will continue to fight for the rights of Maine's diverse communities.

- Helping Maine address systemic issues of [racial inequality](#)
- Working to support small businesses in diverse communities
- Advocating for the needs of [rural and farming communities](#)




WHERE CRAIG IS FOCUSING

# On the Issues

 **Fighter for Equality**

 **Rural Democratic Fighter**

 **Small Business Advocate**

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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE SD 20

# Bettyann Sheats

Former Representative Bettyann Sheats is a West Point graduate, veteran, and proud small business owner.



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## About Bettyann



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legislature, Bettyann has brought the same sense of service she learned in the military to helping her constituents, passing expanded veterans benefits, pushing for more affordable housing, and fighting for [expanded broadband access](#). Bettyann is excited to return to the legislature to serve her community and create a better future where all Mainers can thrive.



- Committed to expanding veteran benefits
- Passionate about keeping students safe from gun violence
- Dedicated to expanding access to [affordable housing](#).

WHERE BETTYANN IS FOCUSING

# On the Issues

**Advocate for Students**

**Champion for Veterans**

**Infrastructure Innovator**

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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE SD 27

# Jill Duson

Jill Duson was inspired at an early age by the activism of her mother and community members who fought tirelessly to desegregate her hometown.



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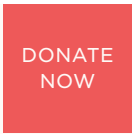
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## About Jill



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She has brought that same sense of public service and progressive leadership to her work as the first Black woman on Portland’s City Council and as Portland’s first Black mayor. Jill is excited to bring her strong leadership and [policy expertise](#) to the state Senate, where if elected, she would be the first Black woman to hold that role.



- Crafted an [ambitious climate plan](#) to protect the environment and create jobs
- Helped expand local school funding and renovate aging schools
- Led the fight to create and expand affordable housing

WHERE JILL IS FOCUSING

## On the Issues

 Advocate for Students

 Environmental Hero

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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE SD 30

# Stacy Brenner

Senator Stacy Brenner built her career as a farmer and small business owner.



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## About Stacy

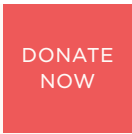


Senator Stacy Brenner built her career as a farmer and small business owner. Since then, she has been a tireless advocate for quality public

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Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Stacy is excited to continue working for SD-30, its coastal communities, and all Maine residents.

- Increased funding for Maine’s Health Insurance Assistance Program
- Worked to expand Maine’s Educational Opportunity Tax Credit
- Helped establish the [Maine Climate Corps](#)



WHERE STACY IS FOCUSING

# On the Issues

**Advocate for Students**

**Environmental Hero**

**Health Care Defender**

**Reproductive Rights Advocate**

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ELECTION DATE: NOV 8, 2022 | MAINE SD 34

# Joe Rafferty

Senator Joe Rafferty has always fought for teachers and students, serving as president of a teacher's union and working as a public school teacher and head football coach for almost four decades.



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## About Joe

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and head football coach for almost four decades. In the legislature, Joe has continued his advocacy for [public education](#) by working to provide free community college and investing in technical education for Maine high schoolers. Seeking a second term, Joe is committed to bringing high-quality education and affordable health care to all of Maine's communities.



- Lifelong educator and public education champion
- Advocate for expanded health care
- Proponent of reproductive rights protections for all Mainers

WHERE JOE IS FOCUSING

# On the Issues

**Advocate for Students**

**Champion for Veterans**

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18 May 2022	34 Maine Republican State Legislators	<a href="https://dlcc.org/press/34-maine-republican-state-legislators-are-members-of-far-right-facebook-groups/">https://dlcc.org/press/34-maine-republican-state-legislators-are-members-of-far-right-facebook-groups/</a>
20 Sep 2022	At Least 23% of Maine Republican Legislative Candidates Pose Active Threat to Our Democracy	<a href="https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-at-least-23-of-maine-republican-legislative-candidates-pose-active-threat-to-our-democracy/">https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-at-least-23-of-maine-republican-legislative-candidates-pose-active-threat-to-our-democracy/</a>
28 Sep 2022	DLCC Adds Two Insurrectionists and Over 50 More Names to Its Threats to Democracy Site	<a href="https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-dlcc-adds-two-insurrectionists-and-over-50-more-names-to-its-threats-to-democracy-site/">https://dlcc.org/press/breaking-dlcc-adds-two-insurrectionists-and-over-50-more-names-to-its-threats-to-democracy-site/</a>
21 Nov 2022	DLCC Releases Strategy Memo Detailing Historic Midterm Victories	<a href="https://dlcc.org/press/new-dlcc-releases-strategy-memo-detailing-historic-midterm-victories/">https://dlcc.org/press/new-dlcc-releases-strategy-memo-detailing-historic-midterm-victories/</a>
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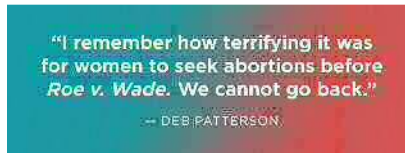
## Reproductive Freedom Fighters: 20 pro-choice candidates in must-win races who need your support right now

BLOG | SEPTEMBER 12, 2022



It's urgent we elect pro-choice advocates to state legislatures across the country. That's why we're proud to launch our slate of [Reproductive Freedom Fighters](#) - 20 Democratic state legislative candidates committed to protecting choice and access to health care.

These candidates are health care providers, people of faith, community organizers, scientists, and mothers on the frontlines in their states pushing back against the GOP's attacks on reproductive rights. Together, they're sounding the alarm about the dangerous threat abortion bans pose to everyone who can get pregnant - and they're the unsung heroes we need as we face an uncertain future.



### Why State Legislators

In the face of a conservative Supreme Court and federal gridlock, the most effective way to protect reproductive rights this year is by electing Democrats to state legislatures.

When Democrats hold power, they immediately take steps to protect reproductive rights, improve health care access and affordability, and ensure that all people have the tools to care for themselves and their families. While many states with Republican-controlled legislatures have either already banned abortion or are gearing up to do so, each and every one of the 17 states with a Democratic majority in the legislatures has protected or expanded abortion rights, ensuring reproductive freedom is protected, even after the Supreme Court gutted *Roe v. Wade*.

The power to protect choice lies in the hands of state legislators and there has never been a more crucial time to support these reproductive rights champions.

### Meet the candidates



Eva Burch, a nurse practitioner and [lead organizer of the Phoenix Women's March](#), is a trusted champion for reproductive justice in Arizona. A proud mother of two, Eva has spoken out about her own difficult decision to [have an abortion due to pregnancy complications](#) and she is committed to fighting to fully reinstate and protect that choice for the good people of Arizona, where the GOP is fighting to take those rights away. [Learn more about Eva.](#)



Lisa Cutter has [spoken out](#) at rallies for reproductive justice and taken a strong stance against restrictive laws like the [Texas abortion ban](#). She also co-authored a bill that would [enshrine abortion rights into Colorado law](#), noting that legality is the floor, not the ceiling. She is fighting to hold a critical Senate seat to maintain the Democrats' legislative majority. [Learn more about Lisa.](#)



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Deb Patterson is unwavering in her support for reproductive rights, fueled in part by memories of the horrors women faced prior to the protections afforded by the *Roe* decision. "In more than 30 years of ordained ministry, I have been asked countless times to provide counsel, prayerful support, and pastoral care to people making medical decisions. I remember how terrifying it was for women to seek abortions before *Roe v. Wade*. We cannot go back," [says Deb](#).



Denise Mentzner is the kind of leader Michigan desperately needs right now. While the state's Republicans are defending an arcane 1931 law that criminalizes abortion and could jail doctors who provide reproductive care, Denise has joined with Governor Gretchen Whitmer to [denounce the legislation and will fight](#) to protect access to care for all Michiganders. [Learn more about Denise](#).



After the Supreme Court overturned *Roe*, Diamond shared her outrage about the impact the decision will have on the lives of North Carolinians, [tweeting](#), "As your Rep, I'll do everything I can to ensure that [North Carolina] women, not politicians, make decisions about their health and reproductive care." Abortion is currently still available in North Carolina, but if Democrats don't maintain enough seats in the General Assembly to protect the Governor's veto, that could change. [Learn more about Diamond](#).



Jasmine Clark is running for reelection against a Republican opponent who has signaled that he doesn't even believe people should have access to abortion care to ["prevent the death of the mother."](#) She [writes](#), "Laws that specifically target women's bodies, that seek to strip away bodily autonomy and allow government intrusion on private medical matters, are unconstitutional and unnecessary." [Learn more about Jasmine](#).



Elaine Marzola, a Brazilian immigrant and single mother, is endorsed by Planned Parenthood Votes Nevada and Nevada National Organization for Women because of her strong commitment to protecting access to abortion, contraception, and education. In the wake of the *Roe* decision she [tweeted](#), "I am vehemently disappointed in the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court... and I will always fight for pro-choice legislation." [Learn more about Elaine](#).



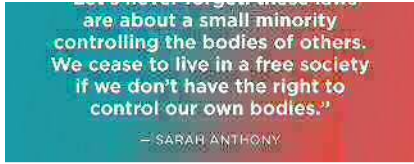
Emily Randall has worked to [strengthen abortion access in Washington](#) and is proudly [endorsed by Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates](#). She is committed to [passing the Keep Our Care Act](#) to help ensure access to abortion is protected, and Washingtonians have a health care system that provides the care they need — when and where they need it.



Erin Maye Quade is a force to be reckoned with. [In her work with Gender Justice and UnRestricting Minnesota](#), she led the largest reproductive justice coalition in the state helping lay the groundwork for a statewide movement to protect and expand reproductive rights. She drives home the importance of a slate like this by [calling attention to](#) the fact that because there is a radical Republican majority in the Minnesota Senate, "It is crucial that we elect reproductive rights champions in November."



Kathleen Cates has vowed to fight to protect reproductive rights so that New Mexico doesn't go the way of Texas and other states with dehumanizing bans. Kathleen is running for a seat in the New Mexico House, where Republicans flipped a district in the 2020 elections, and her race is key to defending the pro-choice majority in the state. [Learn more about Kathleen](#).



Kelly Coffman, a reproductive and forensic psychiatrist, has [vowed](#) to always "support a patient's right to make personal medical decisions with their doctor and without intervention from the government." She [shared with Georgia Democrats](#) that her "patients are really terrified to get pregnant. They are afraid that if they get pregnant, they might have a miscarriage, and then they will be stuck in this awkward position of – am I going to be able to get adequate care for this?"



In the wake of the overturn of *Roe*, when many were asking what could be done, Representative Kelly Morrison used her expertise as a legislator and medical doctor to [author the Protect Reproductive Options \(PRO\) Act](#). The bill aims to [protect Minnesotan patients and providers](#) who are prosecuted under restrictive abortion policies in other states and establishes the fundamental right of all Minnesotans to make individual decisions about reproductive health care. The GOP majority in the Minnesota Senate is currently blocking the bill from advancing, but if elected, Kelly could help turn the tide.



Melanie Scheible was a proud primary sponsor of the Trust Nevada Women Act, which cleaned up antiquated laws governing a woman's right to choose and [updated informed consent laws](#) to ensure patients' conversations with their doctors remain medically accurate. [She voted to invest \\$6 million in Family Planning Services](#) in Nevada and has relentlessly pursued policies that increase access to multiple affordable birth control methods. [Learn more about Melanie.](#)



Meredith Dixon, [endorsed by Planned Parenthood Votes New Mexico](#), is outspoken about siding with a majority of New Mexicans in her [support of repealing the state's old abortion ban](#), which criminalized abortion. Although [Republicans are fighting](#) to keep the bans in place, [Meredith has said](#) she will continue to fight tirelessly to keep "this very personal decision between a woman and her healthcare provider." [Learn more about Meredith.](#)



Rachel Talbot Ross has consistently voted to expand access to reproductive health care for the residents of Maine – including abortion services. In support of a 2019 bill to prevent discrimination in public and private insurance coverage for pregnant people, [Rachel highlighted the intersection of racial justice and reproductive justice noting](#), "Unequal access to reproductive health care perpetuates and exacerbates racial disparities among Maine women." [Learn more about Rachel.](#)



Speaking ahead of the [MI Body MI Choice rally](#) last year in protest of the Texas abortion ban, Sarah Anthony said, "Let's never forget: these laws are about a small minority controlling the bodies of others. We cease to live in a free society if we don't have the right to control our own bodies. We cannot stand by while this happens in Texas, and I'll continue to fight to make sure it never happens in Michigan." [Learn more about Sarah.](#)



Spencer Wetmore gained [national attention](#) for her speech against a Republican proposal to ban abortion with no exceptions for rape, incest, or fetal abnormalities. "We know a majority of South Carolinians don't support this bill. It doesn't adequately protect the health of women, it turns doctors and women into criminals. So why do we have it?" [she demanded.](#) [Learn more about Spencer.](#)



Stacy Brenner worked as a nurse providing abortion care services in the 1990s. Her care for patients, along with her own choice to end a pregnancy after her birth control failed, has fueled her passion as a leader in the fight to protect abortion access. [Learn more about Stacy.](#)



Sydney Batch has put her community above all else, especially when it comes to defending reproductive freedom. In 2019, while healing from breast cancer, Sydney skipped her time off for recovery to help block an anti-abortion bill saying, "I'm willing to suffer through the physical and temporary pain in order to make sure that women have that right in the future." [Learn more about Sydney.](#)

There could not be a more crucial time to help elect reproductive freedom fighters to state legislatures across the country. [Please donate today.](#)



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# News

## 34 Maine Republican State Legislators Are Members of Far-Right Facebook Groups

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**WASHINGTON** — According to a report released by the Institute for Research and Education on Human Rights (IREHR), 872 Republican state legislators, including 34 Maine Republican legislators, are [members of far-right Facebook groups](#). Today's Republican lawmakers belong to groups promoting conspiracy theories, disinformation, and bigotry - and later turn the hate they see online [into policies](#) that threaten our most fundamental liberties.

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“Extremism and alt-right views are no longer a fringe of the GOP — instead, radical views are rapidly becoming the norm of the Republican Party,” said DLCC President Jessica Post. “Hate and division have become the GOP’s guiding light — and it has dangerous consequences for the future of our country. Electorally, the only way to challenge deadly extremism, protect our basic freedoms, and protect our democracy is to elect Democrats to statehouses this fall.”

Read the IREHR report [here](#).

On the heels of the [racist attack](#) in Buffalo, it is crystal clear that far-right radicalization is a threat to the health and safety of our country. Extremism has become a core tenet of the Republican Party, and it represents a threat to voting access, LGBTQ+ rights, reproductive freedom, and the very safety of people of color in America.

### Maine House Republicans in Far-Right Facebook Groups:

- Rep. Beth O'Connor (HD-5)
- Rep. Chad Grignon (HD-118)
- Rep. Chris Johansen (HD-145)

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- Rep. Nathan Carlow (HD-16)
- Rep. Nathan Wadsworth (HD-70)
- Rep. Randall Greenwood (HD-82)
- Rep. Richard Bradstreet (HD-80)
- Rep. Richard Mason (HD-56)
- Rep. Sheila Lyman (HD-74)
- Rep. Shelley Rudnicki (HD-108)
- Rep. Susan Bernard (HD-149)
- Rep. Wayne Parry (HD-10)
- Rep. William Faulkingham (HD-136)



#### **Maine Senate Republicans in Far-Right Facebook Groups:**

- Sen. David Woodsome (SD-33)
- Sen. Harold Stewart (SD-2)
- Sen. Jeffrey Timberlake (SD-22)
- Sen. Matthew Pouliot (SD-15)
- Sen. Stacey Guerin (SD-10)

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# NEWS

## BREAKING: DLCC Adds Two Insurrectionists and Over 50 More Names to Its Threats to Democracy Site

LATEST NEWS | SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

**WASHINGTON** — After launching its Threats to Democracy [website](#) last week, the DLCC is adding the names of more than 50 additional Republican state legislators and candidates who pose an existential threat to our democracy, almost all of whom are on the ballot this fall. Thanks to tips received via the new website and social media as well ongoing accountability research at the DLCC, the latest addition of MAGA Republicans includes two more known insurrectionists — individuals who were present in DC on January 6th — bringing the total number of insurrectionist candidates on the November ballot up to 18. The update also adds dozens of names to the DLCC’s larger list of now 1,057 Republican state legislators and candidates who have been complicit in other ways in the ongoing attack on our democracy since the 2020 election.

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“Today’s Republican Party poses an existential threat to American’s freedom to cast a ballot, and for every statewide candidate disputing or challenging our elections, it is important to remember there are a dozen more running for state legislature,” said DLCC President Jessica Post. “The DLCC has identified hundreds of insurrectionists, conspiracy theorists, and election deniers who are running for state legislatures across the country in order to seize power in state legislatures and who will undoubtedly pose a threat to future elections. The over 1,000 anti-democratic Republicans the DLCC has identified are just a snapshot of the full threat Republicans pose to this country this fall and our work to hold them accountable continues.”

This latest update to the site includes:

- Two new insurrectionists, John Lyddy of Vermont and David Estenson of Wisconsin, who were both in DC on January 6th and joined the crowds surrounding the U.S. Capitol
- Candidates in Arizona like Liz Harris, who has falsely suggested there were hundreds of thousands of illegal votes in 2020, and Christian

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- Candidates in New Mexico like Elaine Aiken and Patrick Sims who, as of last week, still maintain they believe Donald Trump's baseless claims that he was the winner of the 2020 election
- Candidates like John Linnehan in Maine and Tamara Mitchell in Michigan who have used their platforms online to help spread conspiracy theories and misinformation about our elections
- 50+ additional candidates, many running in competitive races that could determine the majorities in their respective states
- With 14 additional names in Arizona, the DLCC is now tracking over 50% of the GOP's midterm candidates in the state on the "Threats to Democracy" list.



The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee was the first and only entity committed to identifying, tracking, and condemning the hundreds of Republican state lawmakers who aided and abetted Trump's attempt to overturn the 2020 presidential election. Now, its current Threats to Democracy [website](#) is the most comprehensive account of state legislators and state legislative candidates who continue to normalize anti-democratic extremism and are complicit in the ongoing attack on our democracy. With more than 7,300 state legislative seats nationwide, the research for this project is ongoing, and the list continues to grow. The DLCC research team is actively soliciting tips for additional information at [accountability@dlcc.org](mailto:accountability@dlcc.org).

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# News

## NEW: DLCC Releases Strategy Memo Detailing Historic Midterm Victories

LATEST NEWS | NOVEMBER 21, 2022



**WASHINGTON** — The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee is releasing [a new strategy memo](#) detailing the tactics behind its historic victories this month. Democrats defied history by not losing any state legislative majorities this midterm year — a first for the party in power since at least 1934. The DLCC and its state partners also flipped four chambers from red to blue in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Minnesota, gaining ground and new majorities for Democrats while other levels of the ballot held steady.

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First reported in [CBS News](#), this memo outlines how the DLCC created a path to the majority for long-term power in state legislatures and ultimately secured historic wins.

### [READ THE FULL MEMO](#)

“Democrats made history in state legislatures this year — defying the odds, bucking political wisdom, and laying out the blueprint for Democratic wins at the state legislative level,” writes DLCC President Jessica Post. “The DLCC’s victories serve as a lesson to Democrats at all levels of the ballot. The value of investing early and trusting and aiding local leaders to deliver a winning strategy created the path to success. The Democratic Party must be built from the ground up, with its foundation in state legislatures.”

The DLCC is the official Democratic Party committee dedicated to winning America’s state legislatures. This cycle, the committee raised \$50 million at its fastest pace ever to elect state Democrats across the country. State legislatures are the building blocks of our democracy and pass the policies that have the biggest impact on Americans’ day-to-day lives.

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TO: **Interested Parties**  
FROM: **Jessica Post**  
RE: **How the DLCC Made History**  
DATE: **November 21, 2022**

Democrats made history in state legislatures this year — defying the odds, bucking political wisdom, and laying out the blueprint for Democratic wins at the state legislative level.

We fended off big Republican spending to hold Democratic majorities in **Oregon, Maine, Nevada, Colorado, and New Mexico**, making this the first midterm year since at least 1934 that the party in power hasn't lost any legislative chambers. We went on to flip the **Minnesota Senate** red to blue, giving us a governing trifecta for the first time in a decade. We also flipped both chambers in **Michigan** — giving Democrats full control for the first time in nearly 40 years.

We notched a historic win in the **Pennsylvania House**, flipping it from red to blue for the first time since 2010. And while results are still out in **New Hampshire**, we know that we'll end with the tightest margins in the House in the modern era if not outright controlling the chamber. This midterm, state legislatures have become the most victorious ballot level this cycle for Democrats, outpacing federal Democratic gains and achieving monumental shifts of power.

These victories were far from a foregone conclusion. Earlier this year, our midterm conditions were shaping up to be eerily similar to 2010: an onslaught of outside conservative funding began flooding the state level to fund scare tactics, lies, and racist ads at the local level.

To defy history, the DLCC doubled down on what we've always done: lay the groundwork to win. Here's how we did it.

## Early Money & Smart Targeting

The DLCC released its [Path to The Majority](#) strategy in the spring of 2022. It laid out the states that we believed would be the most competitive of the cycle and where we could best capitalize on the groundwork we had built in prior cycles. We made financial investments in all of our Path to The Majority states by the fall of 2021 and continued spending in 2022 to lay the foundation for victory in November.

The DLCC raised and spent \$50 million this cycle and we are an all of the above committee. We provide funds to campaigns and run significant independent advertising to win races. We also provide data, targeting, training, digital, communications and fundraising support, and strategic expertise to our targeted states every day. Winning state legislatures are not yearly plays — they are multi-cycle plays, and the DLCC remained with our caucuses every step of the way to deliver these stunning results.

The DLCC knows that the Republican playbook every single cycle is to flood money into the states in the election's final weeks. As a result — we remain nimble. In the end, the results show that we were accurately targeting the right locations to create the biggest impact. Republicans spent millions trying to flip our hold targets — and came up empty everywhere. We flipped four targeted chambers from red to blue and stand to potentially gain more. Unlike 2010, because of our victories this cycle, we will be able to stay on offense this decade.

## Smart Strategies

At the DLCC, we use our resources strategically to ensure that our state partners are in the best possible position to win. We know that state legislative majorities are won on the margins — every single move matters. Still, an election cycle always brings up unexpected challenges. Seizing every single opportunity to move the needle in our direction amounts to big victories, and we proved that this cycle.

Here are a few key examples:

- › The DLCC organizing team and our state partners made over 20 million calls, texts, and door knock attempts to voters in key districts.
- › Our three-person state finance team helped state partners raise over \$105 million this cycle across all targets.
- › The DLCC helped with a successful legal challenge of gerrymandered maps in **Alaska**.
- › In September, a Democratic incumbent in **Arizona** withdrew from his House race after the primary — the DLCC funded and worked with state partners to support the write-in candidate in winning overwhelmingly.
- › DLCC investments in **New Hampshire** were crucial in helping our state partners manage over a dozen recounts in the country's largest legislative chamber. The margins of these recounts were in the single digits — and Democrats won two and tied another, putting us within striking distance of flipping the chamber.
- › In **Pennsylvania**, the DLCC immediately moved funds post-election day to aid with recounts that ended up putting Democrats over the edge to flip the chamber.
- › In **Nevada**, the DLCC contributed opposition research that led to the creation of a supermajority in the chamber.
- › The DLCC cataloged over 750 Republican candidates who were election deniers or threats to democracy in some capacity for our [Threats to Democracy site](#). This research allowed candidates on the ground to define their opponents and elevated a critical wedge issue, defeating dozens of insurrectionists and election deniers in the end.

These examples are just snapshots of the full breadth of work done by the DLCC every single day to put our candidates in the best position to win.

## Laser-Focus On Issues That Mattered

We knew that abortion was going to be a huge factor in this election, and we refused to shy away from that. The DLCC and our candidates understood that the American people wouldn't let their rights be taken away without a fight — and we were right. The DLCC launched its States to Save Roe [site](#) in January. After the Supreme Court allowed Texas' six-week abortion ban to go into effect, we understood that it would only be a matter of time before Roe was overturned. We knew abortion rights would become a key factor in state legislative elections, and we capitalized on this at every turn. Because of our Path to Majority and other victories, more than 60 million Americans will have their reproductive rights protected or expanded thanks to Democratic majorities.

At the same time, our candidates didn't let up on addressing their plans for lowering costs and helping their constituents while articulating just how far the MAGA GOP would go in sabotaging future elections.

The DLCC created and drove the narrative of the existential threat the GOP posed to our democracy. We were the first to call out Republican state legislators who attended the insurrection. We worked to tie all Republicans to these MAGA extremists and started defining now infamous figures like Doug Mastriano on [January 7, 2021](#). We never let up — and protecting democracy has now emerged as one of the key factors in Democrat's victories this cycle.

## Building A Playbook For Long Term Power

The DLCC's victories serve as a lesson to Democrats at all levels of the ballot. The value of investing early and trusting and aiding local leaders to deliver a winning strategy created the path to success. The Democratic Party must be built from the ground up, with its foundation in state legislatures. Democratic efforts to control the U.S. House are more difficult **because** of Democrats' failure to invest in state legislatures earlier. Congressional Democrats were running in districts rigged by Republican state legislators in many states. If Democrats want to fight back against the MAGA agenda and make our country better for all Americans, that work must start in state legislatures. The DLCC has built a roadmap to make that happen.

May 23, 2023

**VIA EMAIL**

Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices  
135 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0135

Re: Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee

Dear Commissioners:

We write on behalf of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (“DLCC”) in response to a letter you received from Mr. William Clardy making additional allegations against the DLCC (“Complaint Addendum”). These additional allegations do not support Mr. Clardy’s argument that the DLCC met the requirements to register as a PAC under Maine law. As discussed in our May 2, 2023 letter, the DLCC qualified as an “exempt donor” under 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(3-A) because it did not accept any contributions for the purpose of influencing Maine elections and its only expenditures for the purpose of influencing Maine elections were contributions to American Leadership Committee–Maine (“ALC-ME”).

**1. Material posted on dlcc.org were not “expenditures” under Maine law.**

The Complaint Addendum identifies posts on dlcc.org that discussed Maine candidates and were not part of Mr. Clardy’s original complaint. For the same reasons that the posts identified in the original complaint were not “expenditures” under 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(4), the posts identified in the Complaint Addendum are also not reportable Maine expenditures.

As discussed in our May 2, 2023 letter, the dlcc.org website serves primarily the interests of the DLCC as a national organization, namely, to raise money for the organization, to criticize state Republicans generally, and to inform the DLCC’s donors and partners of its endorsed candidates. The site is not targeted directly at Maine voters. There is no additional marginal cost to the DLCC to post information on its website, and in the 2021-2022 election cycle, the DLCC endorsed 372 candidates in 38 states. The entire dlcc.org website domain costs \$269.89 for a five-year renewal term, and the site was built and maintained by salaried staff for whom it would be administratively unworkable to track time spent over so many candidates and states.

An “expenditure” as defined in 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(4) includes “[a] purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or gift of money or anything of value, made for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign.” 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(4). Communications that are not made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any person to state or county office are not expenditures. *Id.* Posts on dlcc.org, including the Spotlight pages and press releases

discussing Maine, are not expenditures because the costs associated with their production were so nominal as not to be “anything of value.” See *Letter to Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices Re: Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee* (May 2, 2023).

**2. The DLCC did not receive any contributions for the purpose of influencing Maine elections.**

The Complaint Addendum reiterates the assertion that the DLCC received contributions for the purpose of influencing Maine elections as part of its Spotlight pages, but the evidence provided does not support that assertion. As discussed in our May 2, 2023 letter, the DLCC’s nationwide candidate endorsement process included posting a brief description of the candidate and a link to the candidate’s own website or fundraising page or the fundraising page for the state party or caucus. Our letter stated that funds were not raised for Maine candidates. We realize now that may have been misinterpreted. To be clear: the DLCC did not raise money *into its own accounts* for Maine candidates. That is the legally salient fact for purposes of determining whether the DLCC is an “exempt donor” under the statute.

Instead, donors who contributed via the links provided on the Spotlight pages identified in the Complaint Addendum had their donations deposited directly into one of three accounts, none of which is affiliated with the DLCC: (1) the Maine House Democratic Campaign Committee (“MHDCC”); (2) the Maine Senate Democratic Campaign Committee (“MSDCC”); or (3) the candidate’s campaign account (“Campaign”). The specific benefitting account for each DLCC Spotlight page identified in the Complaint Addendum is listed in the table below.

District	Candidate	URL for Spotlight Page “Donate” Button	Spotlight Page Text	Benefitting Account
HD 3	David McCrea	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true</a>	Donate to support candidates like David McCrea in Maine	MHDCC
HD 9	Anne Perry	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true</a>	Donate to support candidates like Anne Perry in Maine	MHDCC
HD 22	Laura Supica	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true</a>	Donate to support candidates like Laura Supica in Maine	MHDCC
HD 31	Richard Evans	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-31?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-31?express_lane=true</a>	Donate directly to Richard Evans	Campaign
HD 59	Raegan LaRochelle	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true</a>	Donate to support candidates like Raegan LaRochelle in Maine	MHDCC
HD 95	Mana Abdi	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-95?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-95?express_lane=true</a>	Donate directly to Mana Abdi	Campaign
HD 118	Rachel Talbot Ross	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-118?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-118?express_lane=true</a>	Donate directly to Rachel Talbot Ross	Campaign
HD 126	Drew Gattine	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-126?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-hd-126?express_lane=true</a>	Donate directly to Drew Gattine	Campaign
HD 145	Dan Hobbs	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/mehousedems?express_lane=true</a>	Donate to support candidates like Dan Hobbs in Maine	MHDCC

District	Candidate	URL for Spotlight Page “Donate” Button	Spotlight Page Text	Benefitting Account
SD 1	Troy Jackson	<a href="https://www.mainesdcc.com/">https://www.mainesdcc.com/</a>	Donate to support candidates like Troy Jackson in Maine	MSDCC
SD 13	Cameron Reny	[corrupted link]	Donate to support candidates like Cameron Reny in Maine	Intended to benefit MSDCC, but link corrupted
SD 14	Craig Hickman	<a href="https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-sd-14?express_lane=true">https://secure.actblue.com/donate/spotlight_me-sd-14?express_lane=true</a>	Donate directly to Craig Hickman	Campaign
SD 20	Bettyann Sheats	<a href="https://www.mainesdcc.com/">https://www.mainesdcc.com/</a>	Donate to support candidates like Bettyann Sheats in Maine	MSDCC
SD 27	Jill Duson	<a href="https://www.mainesdcc.com/">https://www.mainesdcc.com/</a>	Donate to support candidates like Jill Duson in Maine	MSDCC
SD 30	Stacy Brenner	<a href="https://www.mainesdcc.com/">https://www.mainesdcc.com/</a>	Donate to support candidates like Stacy Brenner in Maine	MSDCC
SD 34	Joe Rafferty	<a href="https://www.mainesdcc.com/">https://www.mainesdcc.com/</a>	Donate to support candidates like Joe Rafferty in Maine	MSDCC

The DLCC did not accept any contributions earmarked for the purpose of influencing the 2022 Maine elections.

The DLCC’s only expenditures for the purpose of influencing Maine elections during the 2022 election cycle were contributions to ALC-ME, MHDCC, MSDCC, and Maine Strong, as reported by those committees. (Our May 2, 2023 letter inadvertently omitted reference to the MHDCC, MSDCC, and Maine Strong contributions, which of course had already been publicly reported by the recipients on their filings.) Thus, the DLCC qualified as an “exempt donor” under 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(3-A) and therefore was not required to register separately as a Maine political action committee. *See* 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(5)(B)(4).

Sincerely,

Jonathan Berkon  
Emily Hogin  
Counsel to Democratic Legislative  
Campaign Committee

### §1003. Investigations by commission

**1. Investigations.** The commission may undertake audits and investigations to determine whether a person has violated this chapter, chapter 14 or the rules of the commission. For this purpose, the commission may subpoena witnesses and records whether located within or without the State and take evidence under oath. A person or entity that fails to obey the lawful subpoena of the commission or to testify before it under oath must be punished by the Superior Court for contempt upon application by the Attorney General on behalf of the commission. The Attorney General may apply on behalf of the commission to the Superior Court or to a court of another state to enforce compliance with a subpoena issued to a nonresident person. Service of any subpoena issued by the commission may be accomplished by:

- A. Delivering a duly executed copy of the notice to the person to be served or to a partner or to any officer or agent authorized by appointment or by law to receive service of process on behalf of that person; [PL 2013, c. 162, §1 (NEW).]
- B. Delivering a duly executed copy of the notice to the principal place of business in this State of the person to be served; or [PL 2013, c. 162, §1 (NEW).]
- C. Mailing by registered or certified mail a duly executed copy of the notice, addressed to the person to be served, to the person's principal place of business. [PL 2013, c. 162, §1 (NEW).]  
[PL 2013, c. 162, §1 (AMD).]

**2. Investigations requested.** A person may apply in writing to the commission requesting an investigation as described in subsection 1. The commission shall review the application and shall make the investigation if the reasons stated for the request show sufficient grounds for believing that a violation may have occurred.  
[PL 2011, c. 389, §4 (AMD).]

**2-A. Confidentiality.**  
[PL 2001, c. 535, §1 (RP).]

**3. State Auditor.** The State Auditor shall assist the commission in making investigations and in other phases of the commission's duties under this chapter, as requested by the commission, and has all necessary powers to carry out these responsibilities.  
[PL 1999, c. 426, §31 (AMD).]

**3-A. Confidential records.** Investigative working papers of the commission are confidential, except that the commission may disclose them to the subject of the audit or investigation, other entities as necessary for the conduct of an audit or investigation and law enforcement and other agencies for purposes of reporting, investigating or prosecuting a criminal or civil violation. For purposes of this subsection, "investigative working papers" means documents, records and other printed or electronic information in the following limited categories that are acquired, prepared or maintained by the commission during the conduct of an audit, investigation or other enforcement matter:

- A. Financial information not normally available to the public; [PL 2007, c. 571, §6 (NEW).]
- B. Information that, if disclosed, would reveal sensitive political or campaign information belonging to a party committee, political action committee, ballot question committee, candidate or candidate's political committee, or other person who is the subject of an audit, investigation or other enforcement matter, even if the information is in the possession of a vendor or 3rd party; [PL 2013, c. 470, §1 (AMD).]
- C. Information or records subject to a privilege against discovery or use as evidence; and [PL 2007, c. 571, §6 (NEW).]
- D. Intra-agency or interagency communications related to an audit or investigation, including any record of an interview, meeting or examination. [PL 2013, c. 470, §1 (AMD).]

**§1052. Definitions****(CONTAINS TEXT WITH VARYING EFFECTIVE DATES)**

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

**1. Campaign.** "Campaign" means any course of activities to influence the nomination or election of a candidate or to initiate or influence any of the following ballot measures:

A. A people's veto referendum under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 17; [PL 2011, c. 389, §26 (AMD).]

B. A direct initiative of legislation under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18; [PL 2011, c. 389, §26 (AMD).]

C. An amendment to the Constitution of Maine under Article X, Section 4; [PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

D. A referendum vote on a measure enacted by the Legislature and expressly conditioned upon ratification by a referendum vote under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 19; [PL 2011, c. 389, §26 (AMD).]

E. The ratification of the issue of bonds by the State or any agency thereof; and [PL 1989, c. 504, §§21, 31 (AMD).]

F. Any county or municipal referendum. [PL 1995, c. 483, §17 (AMD).]  
[PL 2011, c. 389, §26 (AMD).]

**2. Committee.** "Committee" means any political action committee or ballot question committee and includes any agent of a political action committee or ballot question committee. [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]

**2-A. Ballot question committee.** "Ballot question committee" means a person that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$5,000 for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign, other than a campaign for the nomination or election of a candidate. The term "ballot question committee" does not include a political action committee or an exempt donor. [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (NEW).]

**3. Contribution.** "Contribution" includes:

A. A gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value made to or received by a committee for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign, including but not limited to:

(1) Funds that the contributor specified were given, in whole or in part, in connection with a campaign;

(2) Funds provided in response to a solicitation that would lead the contributor to believe that the funds would be used specifically, in whole or in part, for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign; and

(3) Funds that can reasonably be determined to have been provided by the contributor for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign when viewed in the context of the contribution and the recipient committee's activities regarding a campaign; [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]

A-1. Any funds deposited or transferred into the campaign account described in section 1054; [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (NEW).]

B. A contract, promise or agreement, expressed or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make a contribution to a committee; [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]



C. Any funds received by a committee that are to be transferred to any candidate, committee, campaign or organization for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign; or [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]

D. The payment, by any person or organization, of compensation for the personal services of other persons provided to a committee that is used by the committee to initiate or influence a campaign. [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]

"Contribution" does not include a loan of money by a financial institution made in accordance with applicable banking laws and regulations and in the ordinary course of business. [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]

**3-A. Exempt donor.** "Exempt donor" means a person that has not received contributions for the purpose of influencing a campaign in the prior 2 years and whose only payments of money to influence a campaign in the prior 2 years are:

A. Contributions of money to candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees registered with the commission or a municipality; or [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (NEW).]

B. Payments for goods or services with an aggregate value of no more than \$100,000 contributed to candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees registered with the commission or a municipality. [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (NEW).]

**4. Expenditure.** The term "expenditure":

A. Includes:

(1) A purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or gift of money or anything of value, made for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign;

(1-A) Any purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or gift of money made from the campaign account described in section 1054;

(2) A contract, promise or agreement, expressed or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make any expenditure for the purposes set forth in this paragraph; and

(3) The transfer of funds by a political action committee to another candidate or political committee; and [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]

B. Does not include:

(1) Any news story, commentary or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, cable television system, newspaper, magazine or other periodical publication, unless these facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, candidate or the spouse or domestic partner of a candidate;

(2) Activity designed to encourage individuals to register to vote or to vote, if that activity or communication does not mention a clearly identified candidate;

(3) Any communication by any membership organization or corporation to its members or stockholders, if that membership organization or corporation is not organized primarily for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any person to state or county office;

(4) The use of real or personal property and the cost of invitations, food and beverages, voluntarily provided by a political action committee in rendering voluntary personal services for candidate-related activities, if the cumulative value of these activities by the political action committee on behalf of any candidate does not exceed \$250 with respect to any election;

(5) Any unreimbursed travel expenses incurred and paid for by a political action committee that volunteers personal services to a candidate, if the cumulative amount of these expenses does not exceed \$100 with respect to any election;

(6) Any communication by a committee that is not made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any person to state or county office; and

(7) Any payments to initiate a people's veto referendum or the direct initiative of legislation made prior to the submission of an application to the Department of the Secretary of State as provided in section 901. [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]

[PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]

**4-A. Influence.** "Influence" means to promote, support, oppose or defeat. [PL 2011, c. 389, §30 (NEW).]

**4-B. Initiate.** "Initiate" includes the collection of signatures and related activities to qualify a state or local initiative or referendum for the ballot. [PL 2011, c. 389, §31 (NEW).]

**4-C. (TEXT EFFECTIVE UNTIL 1/01/23) Leadership political action committee.** "Leadership political action committee" means a political action committee, other than a caucus political action committee under section 1053-C, that was directly or indirectly established by a current member of the Legislature or that is directly or indirectly maintained or controlled by a current member of the Legislature. [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (NEW).]

**4-C. (TEXT EFFECTIVE 1/01/23) Leadership political action committee.** "Leadership political action committee" means a political action committee, other than a caucus political action committee under section 1053-C, that was directly or indirectly established by a current member of the Legislature or that is directly or indirectly maintained or controlled by a current member of the Legislature. [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (NEW); PL 2021, c. 274, §9 (NEW); PL 2021, c. 274, §13 (AFF).]

**5. Political action committee.** The term "political action committee":

A. Includes:

(1) Any separate or segregated fund established by any corporation, membership organization, cooperative or labor or other organization that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating more than \$2,500 in a calendar year for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate to political office; and

(5) Any person, including any corporation or association, other than an individual, that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating more than \$2,500 in a calendar year for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any candidate to political office; and [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]

B. Does not include:

(1) A candidate or a candidate's treasurer under section 1013-A, subsection 1;

(2) A candidate's authorized political committee under section 1013-A, subsection 1, paragraph B;

(3) A party committee under section 1013-A, subsection 3; or

(4) An exempt donor. [PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]

[PL 2021, c. 217, §3 (AMD).]

**§1053-B. Out-of-state committees**

An organization that is registered as a political action committee, ballot question committee or political committee with the Federal Election Commission or a jurisdiction outside of this State shall register and file reports with the commission in accordance with this subchapter upon receiving contributions or making expenditures to initiate or influence a campaign in the State in excess of the amounts that would require registration under section 1052-A. The committee is not required to register and file reports if the committee's only financial activity within the State is to make contributions to candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees registered with the commission or a municipality and the committee has not raised and accepted any contributions during the calendar year to influence a campaign in this State. [PL 2019, c. 563, §6 (AMD).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2009, c. 190, Pt. A, §19 (NEW). PL 2011, c. 389, §36 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 334, §21 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 563, §6 (AMD).

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- B. For communications listed in Title 21-A, section 1014 subsection 2-B with a visual aspect other than television or video communications, the statement of funders must appear in a font size that is 12-point or larger.
- C. If the communication is funded by a political action committee that is a separate or segregated fund as defined in Title 21-A, section 1052, subsection (5)(A)(1), but not a separate legal entity, the top three funders to be listed are the top three funders of the legal entity (corporation, membership organization, cooperative or labor or other organization) that established the fund.
- D. If the communication is funded by a political action committee that is fully funded or controlled by another political action committee or legal entity, the top three funders to be listed are the top three funders of that entity that fully funds or controls the political action committee.
- E. For any other political action committee that does not fall within the parameters of paragraphs C or D, the top three funders are the contributors who have given the top three aggregate contributions, as defined in Title 21-A, section 1052(3), during the time period specified in Title 21-A, section 1014, subsection 2-B, paragraph A.

Communications for which including the statement required by Title 21-A, section 1014, subsection 2-B would be impossible or impose an unusual hardship due to their format or medium are exempt from the requirements of that section.

## SECTION 8. PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS

Commission members shall not discuss any specific case under investigation, or any case which may reasonably be expected to be the subject of investigation, as long as the matter is pending before the Commission. Members of the Commission may discuss its final determination regarding the matter with members of the press or other interested persons only after the appeal period has expired and no appeal is filed, or if an appeal is filed, only after the appellant has exhausted all administrative or judicial remedies.

## SECTION 9. ACCELERATED REPORTING SCHEDULE *[Repealed]*

## SECTION 10. REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

1. **General.** Any person, party committee, political committee or political action committee that makes any independent expenditure in excess of \$250 per candidate in an election must file a report with the Commission according to this section.
2. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following phrases are defined as follows:
  - A. "Clearly identified," with respect to a candidate, has the same meaning as in Title 21-A, chapter 13, subchapter II.
  - B. "Expressly advocate" means any communication that

- (1) uses phrases such as "vote for the Governor," "reelect your Representative," "support the Democratic nominee," "cast your ballot for the Republican challenger for Senate District 1," "Jones for House of Representatives," "Jean Smith in 2002," "vote Pro-Life" or "vote Pro-Choice" accompanied by a listing of clearly identified candidates described as Pro-Life or Pro-Choice, "vote against Old Woody," "defeat" accompanied by a picture of one or more candidate(s), "reject the incumbent," or communications of campaign slogan(s) or individual word(s), which in context can have no other reasonable meaning than to urge the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidate(s), such as posters, bumper stickers, advertisements, etc. which say "Pick Berry," "Harris in 2000," "Murphy/Stevens" or "Canavan!"; or
- (2) is susceptible of no reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for or against a clearly identified candidate.

C. "Independent expenditure" has the same meaning as in Title 21-A §1019-B. Any expenditure made by any person in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's political committee or their agents is considered to be a contribution to that candidate and is not an independent expenditure.

3. **Reporting Schedules.** Independent expenditures in excess of \$250 per candidate per election made by any person, party committee, political committee or political action committee must be reported to the Commission in accordance with the following schedule:

A. *[Repealed]*

B. *[Repealed]*

- (1) **60-Day Pre-Election Report.** A report must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on the 60th day before the election is held and be complete as of the 61st day before the election.
- (2) **Two-Day Report.** From the 60<sup>th</sup> day through the 14<sup>th</sup> day before an election, a report must be filed within two calendar days of the expenditure.
- (3) **One-Day Report.** After the 14<sup>th</sup> day before an election, a report must be filed within one calendar day of the expenditure.

For purposes of the filing deadlines in this paragraph, if the expenditure relates to a legislative or gubernatorial election and the filing deadline occurs on a weekend, holiday, or state government shutdown day, the report must be filed on the deadline. If the expenditure relates to a county or municipal election, the report may be filed on the next regular business day.

C. Reports must contain information as required by Title 21-A, chapter 13, subchapter II (§§ 1016-1017-A), and must clearly identify the candidate and