

September 18, 2025

Hon. Cassie Lynn Julia
73 First Rangeway
Waterville, ME 04901

Subject: 2024 Campaign Compliance Report

Dear Rep. Julia:

Enclosed please find the final report concerning the review of your 2024 House of Representatives campaign contributions and expenditures.

We anticipate presenting the report to the Commission in Augusta. You will be invited to appear before the Commission to discuss the exception. Jonathan Wayne, the Commission's Executive Director, will contact you beforehand to schedule your appearance.

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process.



Jennifer Connors, CPA
Runyon Kersteen Ouellette

**MAINE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES**

**Maine Clean Election Act Compliance Report
Candidate: Cassie Julia**

September 2, 2025

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON
APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

Commissioners

Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below for House of Representatives candidate Cassie Julia for the 2024 election cycle. The Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (Maine Ethics Commission) is responsible for the review of the 2024 clean election campaigns.

The Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (Maine Ethics Commission) has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of ensuring that the selected candidates complied with the requirements of the Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) for the 2024 election cycle. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

We reviewed the transactions for the 2024 campaign of Cassie Julia for the House of Representatives for which MCEA funds were used. There was one exception reported and no findings, which is enumerated below.

Specific procedures and results are described below:

Procedure: Reviewed all campaign bank statements for the 2024 election cycle and ensured that the campaign finance reports submitted during the 2024 election cycle included all transactions and that all transactions were reported correctly (e.g., correct payment amount, obligation date).

Result: There were fifty-seven transactions on the candidate's campaign bank statements. We verified that all of the transactions were included, agreed in dollar amount, and reported on the correct report based on the transaction date, except as follows:

Exception: The candidate reported an expenditure of \$200 on the Seed Money Report to Snafu Pictures for headshots, dated March 28, 2024. Through review of the campaign bank statement from the seed money reporting period, we determined that the expenditure was done through an ATM withdrawal. According the *2024 MCEA Candidate Guidbook*, "Making payments greater than \$50 in cash with MCEA funds is prohibited."

The candidate's response to the exception has been included with this report as an attachment.

Procedure: Reviewed all selected disbursements and ensured there was proof of payment.

Result: We obtained copies of cancelled checks for all payments made by check; the rest of the disbursements, which were made by ACH, were substantiated through review of bank statements. Therefore, there was proof of payment for all selected disbursements.

Procedure: Judgmentally selected disbursements from those reported in the campaign finance reports, which in the aggregate represented at least fifty percent of the candidate's disbursements. Reviewed the selected disbursement transactions and ensured that they were substantiated by supporting third party documentation and were for allowable expenditures under the MCEA. In addition, ensured that mileage logs supported selected reimbursements for mileage and that the total mileage and dollar amount on the mileage logs recalculated based on the individual trips and the applicable reimbursement rate.

Result: Five vendor expenditures were selected for testing and were supported by third party documentation. We reviewed all of the reported transactions and determined there were no reimbursements for mileage. In addition, all selected transactions appeared to be for allowable expenditures under the MECA.

Procedure: Reviewed purchases reported on the campaign finance reports to identify any equipment purchased with MCEA funds and ensure that the equipment was sold at fair market value and that sales proceeds were returned to the Maine Ethics Commission in a timely manner.

Result: No purchases of equipment were reported on the campaign finance reports.

Procedure: Reviewed all of the campaign bank statements from the 2024 election cycle and identified all deposits that were not for MCEA funds. Ensured that the amounts were reported as seed money contributions. Reviewed supporting documentation and ensured that seed money contributions were from individuals and did not exceed the threshold of \$100 per donor. In addition, ensured that no additional contributions were received after the candidate's certification.

Result: All deposits identified on the campaign bank statements that were not MCEA funds were properly identified and reported as seed money contributions. In addition, there were no additional contributions received after the candidate's certification.

Procedure: Reviewed supporting documentation to determine that the balance of MCEA funds not spent were returned to the Maine Ethics Commission and were returned promptly (within forty-two days of the election).

Result: A disbursement dated December 11, 2024, in the amount of \$118.56 brought the balance in the campaign bank account to a balance of \$17.40. The disbursement occurred within the forty-two-day threshold.

We were engaged by the Maine Ethics Commission to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the clean election campaigns. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Maine Ethics Commission and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Maine Ethics Commission and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Remy Kristen Ouellette". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

September 2, 2025
South Portland, Maine

Sept 10, 2025

Compliance Report Response

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the compliance report concerning my 2024 campaign. I want to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation for the diligence of both the auditors and the Maine Ethics Commission in conducting this review. The integrity of the Clean Election process depends on thorough oversight, and I am grateful for the care that went into identifying even small errors.

The report notes a single exception: a \$200 expenditure. I want to acknowledge this was fully my mistake. At the very beginning of my first primary campaign, in my first election, I clearly misunderstood the rules around cash payments. I knew cash expenditures were allowed, and I ensured that receipts were kept for all expenses, but I overlooked the limit on cash payments and reimbursements.

This was an honest error made while navigating an extremely steep learning curve. Our clean elections rules are extensive and detailed, and in the middle of an intense primary, I failed to catch this limit. That said, there was never any intent to circumvent the rules, the transaction was fully documented and transparently reported, and included receipts.

I take this matter very seriously, and I can assure the Commission that this will not happen again. I am grateful for the careful work that went towards identifying the issue. Catching errors like this strengthens public trust and ensures that candidates like me hold ourselves to the highest standard.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to discussing this further with you all.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rep. Cassie S. Julia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Cassie Julia

September 18, 2025

Hon. John Martin
P.O. Box 250
Eagle Lake, ME 04739

Subject: 2024 Campaign Compliance Report

Dear Rep. Martin:

Enclosed please find the final report concerning the review of your 2024 House of Representatives campaign contributions and expenditures.

We anticipate presenting the report to the Commission in Augusta. You will be invited to appear before the Commission to discuss the exception. Jonathan Wayne, the Commission's Executive Director, will contact you beforehand to schedule your appearance.

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**MAINE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES**

**Maine Clean Election Act Compliance Report
Candidate: John Martin**

September 9, 2025

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON
APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

Commissioners

Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below for House of Representatives candidate John Martin for the 2024 election cycle. The Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (Maine Ethics Commission) is responsible for the review of the 2024 clean election campaigns.

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We reviewed the transactions for the 2024 campaign of John Martin for the House of Representatives for which MCEA funds were used. There were three exceptions reported and no findings, which are enumerated below.

Specific procedures and results are described below:

Procedure: Reviewed all campaign bank statements for the 2024 election cycle and ensured that the campaign finance reports submitted during the 2024 election cycle included all transactions and that all transactions were reported correctly (e.g., correct payment amount, obligation date).

Result: There were fifty-seven transactions on the candidate's campaign bank statements. We verified that all of the transactions were included, agreed in dollar amount, and reported on the correct report based on the transaction date, except as follows:

Exception: The candidate reported an expenditure of \$290 on the 42 Day Post-General Report to Brian Dumais for putting up campaign signs, dated October 25, 2024. However, the memo provided by the candidate that supported the campaign worker's labor was dated October 18, 2024, and the check cleared the campaign bank account on October 22, 2024. Therefore, the expenditure should have been reported on the 11 Day Pre-General Report, which has a reporting period of September 18, 2024, through October 22, 2024.

The candidate's response to the exception has been included with this report as an attachment.

Exception: On review of the campaign bank account for the month of November 2024, we identified an expenditure to Bald Eagle of \$210.11 that cleared the bank account on November 26, 2024. The expenditure was not included on the 42 Day Post-General Report and therefore, the total expenditures for the 42 Day Post-General Report of \$1,390 were \$210.11 less than the expenditures that cleared the campaign bank account during the 42 Day Post-General reporting period.

The candidate's response to the exception has been included with this report as an attachment.

Procedure: Reviewed all selected disbursements and ensured there was proof of payment.

Result: We obtained copies of cancelled checks for all payments made by check; therefore, there was proof of payment for all selected disbursements.

Procedure: Judgmentally selected disbursements from those reported in the campaign finance reports, which in the aggregate represented at least fifty percent of the candidate's disbursements. Reviewed the selected disbursement transactions and ensured that they were substantiated by supporting third party documentation and were for allowable expenditures under the MCEA. In addition, ensured that mileage logs supported selected reimbursements for mileage and that the total mileage and dollar amount on the mileage logs recalculated based on the individual trips and the applicable reimbursement rate.

Result: Six campaign expenditures were selected for testing and were supported by third party documentation, except as follows below. We reviewed all of the reported transactions and determined there were five reimbursements for mileage, of which four were selected for testing and were substantiated by mileage logs. In addition, all selected transactions appeared to be for allowable expenditures under the MECA.

Exception: The candidate reported an expenditure to Brian Dumas of \$843 on the 42 Day Pre-General Report for making and distributing signs, dated September 1, 2024. The invoice provided by the campaign in support of the expenditure said the payment was for labor and materials. However, the campaign provided no further documentation of the cost of the materials, including the vendors paid, the amounts, and the dates of purchase.

The candidate's response to the exception has been included with this report as an attachment.

Procedure: Reviewed purchases reported on the campaign finance reports to identify any equipment purchased with MCEA funds and ensure that the equipment was sold at fair market value and that sales proceeds were returned to the Maine Ethics Commission in a timely manner.

Result: No purchases of equipment were reported on the campaign finance reports.

Procedure: Reviewed all of the campaign bank statements from the 2024 election cycle and identified all deposits that were not for MCEA funds. Ensured that the amounts were reported as seed money contributions. Reviewed supporting documentation and ensured that seed money contributions were from individuals and did not exceed the threshold of \$100 per donor. In addition, ensured that no additional contributions were received after the candidate's certification.

Result: There were no deposits identified on the campaign bank statements that were not MCEA funds. In addition, there were no additional contributions received after the candidate's certification.

Procedure: Reviewed supporting documentation to determine that the balance of MCEA funds not spent were returned to the Maine Ethics Commission and were returned promptly (within forty-two days of the election).

Result: A disbursement dated December 10, 2024, in the amount of \$2,204.89 brought the balance in the campaign bank account to a balance of \$114.64. The disbursement occurred within the forty-two-day threshold.

We were engaged by the Maine Ethics Commission to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the clean election campaigns. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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September 9, 2025
South Portland, Maine

Hi Jennifer, My name is Dave Parent, treasurer for the campaign of John Martin. I wanted to respond to the draft report for Mr. Martin. He has had health issues and cannot respond. After looking over the report and my copies of material I did notice that the exceptions were clerical errors that occurred on our part of the reports. We have complied with the Ethics Commission on all the reports and hope this will be sufficient and added to the final report. If you need any more information from me I can be reached at this email or directly at (207) 446-1377. Thank you for your time.

David S Parent
Treasurer
John Martin campaign