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## Notice to a Major Contributor of Requirement to File a Report – 2025 Ballot Question Committees (BQCs)

You are receiving this Notice from the Recipient Committee named below because you have contributed more than \$100,000 in the aggregate to the Recipient Committee for the purpose of initiating or influencing a direct initiative or people's veto referendum campaign (21-A M.R.S. § 1060-A). As a Major Contributor, you must complete and file a Major Contributor Report with the Maine Ethics Commission by the applicable date, which is based on the date you receive this Notice (see filing deadlines below). The report form is available online at <a href="www.maine.gov/ethics">www.maine.gov/ethics</a> or by contacting the Maine Ethics Commission. Maine election law provides for civil penalties for failing to comply with the Major Contributor reporting requirement. Please contact the Maine Ethics Commission if you have questions regarding your reporting obligations.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION (must be completed by Recipient Committee)

MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR ORGANIZATION NAME			
RECIPIENT COMMITTEE NAME			
BALLOT QUESTION SUPPORTED/OPPOSED			
DATE OF FIRST CONTRIBUTION TO RECIPIENT COMMITTEE		DATE CONTRIBUTION(S) TO RECIPIENT COMMITTEE EXCEEDED \$100,000	
DATE NOTICE MAILED			
Major Contributor Reports – Filing Deadlines  (* applies only if the relevant ballot question will be voted on in November 2025)			
Regular Reports			
Report	This Notice Received between		Filing Deadline (by 11:59 p.m.)
April Quarterly	January 1 – March 31, 2025		April 10, 2025
July Quarterly	April 1 – June 30, 2025		July 15, 2025
October Quarterly	July 1 – September 30, 2025		October 6, 2025
January Quarterly	October 1 – December 31, 2025		January 15, 2026
11-Day Pre-Election*	October 1 – October 21, 2025		October 24, 2025
42-Day Post-Election*	October 22 – December 9, 2025		December 16, 2025
January Quarterly*	December 10 – December 31, 2025		January 15, 2026
Last 13 Days before a Ballot Question Election			
Report	This Notice Received		Filing Deadline by (11:59 p.m.)
2-Day Election Report	During the last 13 days before an election		Within 2 business days of receiving this Notice

## Helpful Information about Requirement to Provide Notice to a Major Contributor

**Who is a Major Contributor** – A person such as a business, organization, association, but not an individual, political action committee, or ballot question committee, that gives more than \$100,000 in the aggregate to a BQC/Recipient Committee for the purpose of initiating or influencing a people's veto or citizen initiative.

**Timing of Notice** – The Recipient Committee must notify the Major Contributor within 5 days of receiving contributions from the Major Contributor exceeding \$100,000 (the "Notice and Reporting threshold"). If the Notice and Reporting threshold is met during the last 13 days before an election, then the Recipient Committee must provide this Notice to the Major Contributor within 24 hours.

One Notice/One Report — The Major Contributor notice and related reporting requirements are triggered once a Recipient Committee receives from a Major Contributor in excess of \$100,000 for the purpose of initiating or influencing a specific ballot question. After the notice and reporting requirements are met, even if the same Major Contributor gives to the same Recipient Committee another \$100,001 related to the same ballot question, no second notice to that Major Contributor and no additional report from that Major Contributor is required.

**Serving the Notice** – The Recipient Committee may send this Notice to the Major Contributor by mail, email, or fax. The Recipient Committee must provide a copy of this Notice, which may be e-mailed, to the Maine Ethics Commission.

**Penalties** – If the Recipient Committee fails to provide this Notice to the Major Contributor or a copy of this Notice to the Maine Ethics Commission as required by applicable law, the Recipient Committee may be liable for a penalty of 10% of the total contributions from the Major Contributor or \$50,000, whichever is less.