



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
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Hon. Thomas McKeon
Superior Court Justice
23 Western Avenue
South Paris, ME 04281

Re: State of Maine v. Randall Hall in OXFCD-CR-24-30067

Your Honor, I am Martha Currier, Assistant Director of the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices here today to submit a victim impact statement on behalf of the Commission.

The Ethics Commission is directed by statute to be the stewards of taxpayer dollars for those seeking public financing for their Maine House, Senate or Gubernatorial campaign, frequently referred to as the MCEA or Maine Clean Election Act, the law that created the program. The Commission takes this responsibility seriously as the Legislature requires adherence to a strict set of standards to ensure that public funds are paid only to candidates who qualify the right way. The MCEA is similar to other public grant programs, except that the people receiving them are then entrusted with representing the citizens of Maine in public office.

Those seeking MCEA funding must collect a certain number of qualifying contributions, which are \$5 donations to the Maine Clean Election Fund, from registered voters in their district. Contributors must sign one to two forms depending on if the donation is made by cash or check. The signatures on the forms must be authentic, so the Commission staff knows the candidate has qualified for public funds the right way. House candidates must submit a minimum of 60 contributions, Senate candidates 175, and Gubernatorial candidates 3,200. These thresholds demonstrate that a person has the support of people in their district to run.

Representative Hall is a four-term legislator, who successfully ran three previous campaigns as an MCEA candidate beginning in 2018. In 2024 he attempted to

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qualify for the MCEA program but was denied by the Commission due primarily to the staff's finding of 17 signatures that appeared to be falsified on the forms. He did not appeal the Commission's decision and turned to private donors to fund his campaign. He won the election and in December 2024 swore an oath to uphold the United States Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine as the Representative of House District 74.

During the Commission's investigation, and that of the Office of the Attorney General, Mr. Hall denied any wrongdoing. Two years later Mr. Hall is taking responsibility for his actions, and the Commission is pleased to see this case conclude. We believe the plea agreement is fair. However, the reasons for Mr. Hall's actions in this case are still unclear - at best there might have been an effort to cut corners, or at worst a nefarious action to defraud the public. Either way, his actions disregarded the laws he swore to uphold four times as a member of the Maine House of Representatives.

The Ethics Commission will continue to review every qualifying contribution and signature submitted by candidates seeking MCEA funds because Maine citizens deserve no less when it comes to how their hard-earned tax dollars are spent. We will continue to ensure that only qualified candidates receive public money to run their campaigns. We will continue to be steadfast in our resolve to prosecute anyone who attempts to defraud Maine taxpayers by not following the laws of this state.

Respectfully submitted,

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