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Running For: State Senate

Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine's nonprofit sector. Once we receive your response, your answers will be posted on our website at www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates. Please respond no later than Friday, September 30, 2016.

Did you know nonprofits:

- **Employ 1 in 7 workers** in Maine.
- **Contribute \$10 billion per year** to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale sales, and professional services contracted.
- **Pay \$3.6 billion annually in wages**, which translates to approximately **\$206 million in personal income tax revenue**.
- **Mobilize 350,000 volunteers each year** to improve communities.

1. Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations.

I have participated with a number of nonprofit organizations doing charitable and public service work. From 1999 to 2009, I was on the board of the Maine State Bar Association, a nonprofit serving the legal profession. I have been a local leader in the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal charity organization.

2. Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to advance policies that strengthen Maine.

I would welcome the input from non-profits as to their policy goals. If legislation would advance these goals, I would be willing to serve as a sponsor or co-sponsor.

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3. What is your position on property tax exemption for Maine nonprofit property owners?

The property tax exemptions should remain in place. Nonprofits should not be taxed on their real estate holdings.

4. Do you have any specific questions or need further information on any particular issue regarding Maine's nonprofit sector that we can help you with?

Please let me know how I may be of assistance.

Bruce D. Baker

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

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