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Running For: Senate # 13

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.

Mostly with churches, but 2007 co-sponsored a bill with House speaker Glen Cummings put forth by CEI (then in Wiscasset) and Ron Phillips on predatory lending when I was formerly in the senate. We received legislators of the year from Maine Bankers Ass for this bill.

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

Strengthen means to me helping out economically to support business and jobs. The economy is always my main focus as a businessman myself.

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

For some but not always in favor because property tax exemptions means increasing taxes on everyone else in a community. Need to take this into consideration and be responsible non-profits to all aspects of society.

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?

Would like list of non-profits in Lincoln County

You may submit your responses as follows:

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Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

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