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Running For: Congress, Maine's 2nd District

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.

During most of my career I have worked for the University of Maine because I am drawn to education and, like many people in the non-profit sector, I love mission-oriented work. As a state representative and senator, I had the privilege of partnering with many passionate, dedicated non-profit organizations working for better health care, a cleaner environment, safer homes, and a stronger Maine economy. If elected to Congress, I would bring an understanding of the value that non-profits and the people who work for them have in Maine. I would ensure that their expertise is brought to the policy table in Washington and that the federal government supports Maine non-profits as well.

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

Maine is lucky to be home to a vibrant nonprofit community that contributes significantly to its economy, social welfare, and quality of life. From education to the environment to healthcare and civic engagement, Maine is depending on its nonprofit sector to innovate and provide reliable services. I would support federal funding for non-profits in a variety of areas, but I would like to see a special focus on organizations working to sustain and improve local economies and provide educational opportunities for Mainers of all ages. I would listen to non-profit leaders in Maine to get a sense of the priorities and opportunities for collaboration.

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

I believe we must preserve the property tax exemption for Maine non-profit property owners. Non-profits serve the public good today with fewer resources than before. Proposals to generate municipal income through a property tax hike on non-profits of any size are ill advised because they would hurt organizations that provide vital services for the public. We should be supporting the creation of non-profits in Maine, not threatening to undermine their financial base.

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?

I have always supported and enjoyed working with Maine's nonprofit sector. If any questions on specifics issues do come up in the future, I will reach out!

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

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