

MANP Candidate Questionnaire 2018

Through this questionnaire Maine offers Maine candidates for publicly elected office the opportunity to reach our vital constituency and let them know how you would partner with them to advance policies that would strengthen Maine. Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

Did You Know?

Maine nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 workers in Maine;
- Contribute approximately \$11 billion per year to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale sales, and professional services contracted;
- Pay \$4.3 billion annually in wages, which translates to approximately \$264 million in personal income tax revenue; and
- Mobilize 345,000 volunteers each year to improve communities!

Your Name *

Pamela D. Buck

Office Running For *

- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House
- State Senate
- State House

District

District 18

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

Currently, employed at a Non-profit York County Shelter Program in Human Resources and a volunteer advocate. Past employment at WABAN for Job Development for individuals with disabilities and Job Corps Centers in Maine for youths enrichment in education and technical training . I personally see the financial barriers and limitations these agencies have. These agencies provide needed services to the homeless, provide food to the hungry, and offer substance abuse treatment for individuals to create self sufficiency and healthy lifestyles. Having worked with young adults seeking self-betterment by methods of education & technical training, by providing self empowerment programs for individuals of substance abuse to guiding individuals with disabilities find their talents are all needed professions to improve the diversity and mainstreaming for all into our communities. Non-profits agencies take on these difficult challenges to help individuals that are often over looked. This is a big part of our population that can not be overlooked or ignored.

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

Connect with non-profits through state and local government. Agencies that want to reside in a community, these communities should be assisted by State in a manner that encourages the increase of non-profits or at least balances with the other business development for economic growth. Combine resources with other non-profits statewide and understanding the need of their services. For the betterment of the individuals they serve or the product they produce can be a calling card for growth and a build a business oriented community that thrives.

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

To survive fiscally they should be tax exempt. Only issue I have seen that needs to have a balance is the salaries for the executives and officers of these organization. Their income/salary should be based on other comparable positions, it should not supersede or be so high it takes away from purpose of the organization mission.

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