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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.

As Executive Director of The Next Step Domestic Violence Project for 11 years and staff for 12, I know well how very important nonprofits are. I was a part of the Downeast Nonprofit Network and attended many MANP trainings as we were members. Since retiring, I serve on boards and volunteer at many different nonprofits.

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

The nonprofit sector offers most of the services that truly strengthen Maine. I would look for more funding for creative and sustaining nonprofit work; I would work with DHHS, Doc, and other large state agencies to incorporate more values and ideas into their policies that have been developed by nonprofits and I would listen to the nonprofit sector.

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

It is essential. It makes absolutely no sense to seek tax dollars from nonprofits. It should be clear that the organization meets all criteria to be a true nonprofit, of course,

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?

Just a request to contact me if I am elected to let me know whenever important issues come up.

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

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