Economic Security for All

where do candidates stand?

WHERE WE STAND

Raising incomes will lift Maine people out of poverty, shrink economic inequality that harms us all, and stabilize our economy.

Maine Equal Justice works to make sure everyone has the economic security they need to get ahead, including the idea of “basic” or “guaranteed” income.

Even before the pandemic and recession, many Mainers’ incomes were too low to access an education, raise a family, and thrive in their communities. The systems we have for getting public assistance are stressful, dehumanizing, and time consuming.

Our destiny should not be determined by our race, gender, or class. Instead of dictating how, where and on what terms individuals can build their lives, unrestricted and unconditional income offers dignity, self-determination, and trust.

More info at maineequaljustice.org/vote-2020
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Ask your candidates where they stand

1. Do you support the idea of a “basic” or “guaranteed income” – where the government would make sure everyone has enough to live on by giving people consistent income support?

2. Will you commit to supporting inclusive income solutions that aim to get more income to people who need it by targeting disparities for Mainers who are Black, Indigenous, and other Maine communities of color?

3. Will you work to improve existing economic security programs that provide people with income to meet their basic needs (like Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or General Assistance) by reducing barriers and restrictions to these programs?

HERE’S HOW YOU ASK A CANDIDATE

Look up your voting districts at the Maine Secretary of State’s Office. You can see your State Senate and House districts as well as your U.S. Senators and Representative. You can ask any candidates in your districts. You can also use our guide to contact elected officials.

Search Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for candidates using their names or phrases like, “Maine Senate District 1” or “Maine House District 2.” If you’re not sure how to do this, contact us!

Share your questions by email or private message, or create a post and tag their page, or ask a question at a candidate forum! Email us the response you get at arana@mejp.org, or tag our Facebook page.

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