ADDITIONAL MATERIALS
Item # 4
November 30, 2011

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State of Maine
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135 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0135

Re: Agenda Item # 4 - Please add this as Additional Information
* Also Re: Page 9: Continuation of Objection to minutes, Agenda # 1
To: Commissioners and Mr. Franklin J. Wayne,

As Concerned Citizens, we respectfully object to the fact that Senator Michael Thibodeau hasn't met the legal requirements for mileage reimbursement. If any candidate uses clean election money, then they must provide the following information:

1. Candidates Name
2. Name of Person traveling
3. Address
4. Date of Travel (Required)
5. Number of Miles Traveled (Required)
6. Purpose and Destination of Travel (Required)
7. Actual Amount of Reimbursement
8. Total of miles traveled

Included on the Travel Log HOW TO REPORT TRAVEL it states "... travel logs must be kept until December 2013 (3 years after the 42-Day Post-General Report). In this Campaign, there were various vehicles used including Big Antique Truck, Legislative truck and his business truck. During the campaign, Michael Thibodeau drove into our driveway, Mr. Greenier asked, "Did you buy a new truck?" Michael responded, "No, it was a company truck." During the July 4th parade, a male was driving Michael Thibodeau's legislative vehicle. Who is the Payee? Were other campaign staff paid for travel mileage? Since there was more than one vehicle involved in this campaign, we request that all vehicles be listed. If the company vehicle was used in the campaign, was Senator Thibodeau reimbursed or the company? We question what vehicle(s) (make and models) were used for the travel log? What was the odometer reading start and end? Who was paid for travel: Senator Thibodeau and/or campaign staff? If Senator Thibodeau is requesting reimbursement for travel log, then he must provide all of the required documentation. Enclosed please find a copy of SAMPLE TRAVEL LOG, as Exhibit A. (2 pages)

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Senator Michael Thibodeau is a Senator who represents Waldo County. In this campaign, the candidate received $6000 in Clean Election funds. Most candidates give back any extra money, back to the Clean Elections Fund, because it's the tax payers money. After the Auditors Report came out, Mr. Greenier had a conversation with Senator Thibodeau. He claimed he did 10,000 miles during his campaign and that he wouldn't have a problem giving back the money. We contend this is the right thing to do - the honorable thing to do, to pay back $816.47, to the Clean Election Fund. If Senator Thibodeau produces the documentation requested in the Sample Travel Log, then allow the travel reimbursement. If he refuses to produce the documentation, then return the money, for the total of $816.47, to the Clean Elections Fund.

We respectfully object to the request by Mr. Healy for an Affidavit. We believe this is a statement, not an Affidavit, because there is no proof, no documentation. From Mr. Greenier's campaign, we have personal knowledge that you keep track of not only the mileage log, but where you went, what events you participated in, as well as the town you visited and signs placed and picked up. We don't believe the log was thrown out, because this family has been actively involved in many campaigns. There has to be a lot more information, that is still in his possession. Under #3 "... a hardwritten log along with other campaign information such as the number of doors I knocked on that day, number of palm cards handed out and signs placed." For 81 days of mileage and daily log of a campaign, you would need lots of notes, to compile this information. Under #6: "..my wife took the hardwritten log and entered the mileage data into an excel spreadsheet." Why didn't she enter mileage onto the Travel Log, provided by the Ethics Commission? If Senator Thibodeau claims it was created on or before November 23, 2010, in which excel spreadsheet was attached. Then why wasn't this e-mail attachment, included with this paperwork to the Ethics Commission? Under #7: According to Senator Thibodeau he states, "I no longer have the hand-written log. I believe it was thrown away after the information had been entered into the spreadsheet." According to the Sample Travel Log, the "travel logs must be kept until December 2013 (3 years after the 42-Day Post General Report)." The travel log must be kept for 3 years, not 3 minutes. From personal knowledge of other candidates, they take extensive notes of where they go in their campaign, in case they have to return,

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when constituents are home. A hand-written log is not consistent with conversations with other candidates, Under #8; "At the time I was making the hand-written log I was not intending to reimburse myself for mileage..." We believe that reimbursement for the travel log was an afterthought, long after the campaign was over. He claims on or after November 23rd. If during the campaign Senator Thibodeau wasn't expecting reimbursement, then he shouldn't be expecting reimbursement, after the campaign is over. It would be unthinkable to throw away your entire mileage log, especially when you agree to use Clean Election Funds, you make a committment, to keep all campaign records, for 3 years. In conclusion to the candidates statement, we contend that an Affadavit is not the same as asking the candidate questions, on the record and under oath. Our Senator owes the public an explanation, "in person".

On Schedule B of the 42 Day Post General Report (page 2 of 2), it states on 12/6/2010, Joanne E. Pease CPA, Campaign bookkeeping and reporting work, $600.00. According to the 2010 Candidate Registration for Michael Thibodeau the Treasurer is Carol Weston (a longterm legislator) and Deputy Treasurer is Joanne Pease. If the Treasurer is supposed to be actively involved in the campaign, what is Carol Weston involvement with the travel logs? In addition, if Joanne Pease was paid $600.00, for campaign bookkeeping and reporting work, then what was her involvement with the Travel Logs? If Senator Thibodeau's records were thrown away, then please request the records from Carol Weston and Joanne Pease. According to the 2010 Guide-book, the candidate and their Treasurer are legally responsible for accurate recordkeeping, especially when they are paid by clean election funds, to the tune of $6000. Also, Joanne Pease has experience as a Treasurer for Carol Weston, in her 2008 campaign. Enclosed please find Schedule B (page 2 of 2) as Exhibit B and 2010 Candidate Registration as Exhibit C, for your review.

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For this Audit, the best solution is for Senator Thibodeau to produce the documentation for the travel log with all of the required information, including the name of person requesting the travel reimbursement, dates of travel, number of miles traveled and purpose and destination of travel and total of miles traveled. If the candidate no matter who the candidate is, refuses to document on the Ethics Commission's travel log, then they shouldn't be rewarded with reimbursement for travel expenditures. Since Senator Thibodea chose to participate in the Clean Elections system, then he must provide documentation of the travel expenditure for reimbursement. If he choses not to provide the documentation, then he must return $816.47, to the clean Elections Fund, to pay back the money, due to lack of proof.

We are requesting that Senator Thibodeau report to the Ethics Commission, to answer questions from the commissioners, along with his Treasurer, Carol Weston and his Deputy Treasurer, Joanne Pease, at the next Commission meeting on December 19th. As the Senator representing Waldo County, we have confidence that Senator Michael Thibodeau will do the right thing and the honorable thing and return the $816.47 in clean Election Funds, due to lack of documentation, for travel reimbursement. In addition, Carol Weston and Joanne Pease must be asked questions, as has been done in many other campaigns, for transparency in government. The public deserves full disclosure, especially his constituents.

* For correction: After the last meeting, Mr. Greenier had a conversation with Paul Lavin regarding fact that senator Thibodeau didn't run for re-election as Senator. This was his first election for Senate District #23. Also, our fax dated October 27, 2011 wasn't placed under Agenda Item #5, for Senator Thibodeau.

Concerned Citizens,
Joseph Greenier
Michele Greenier

Exhibit A:

Candidate's Name:

SAMPLE TRAVEL LOG for MCEA Candidates and their Campaign Staff

Name of Person Traveling:
(Requesting reimbursement)

Address:

Questions? Call 207-287-4179

Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
Mailing: 135 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Location: 45 Memorial Circle
Augusta, Maine

Phone: 207-287-4179
Fax: 207-287-6775
Website: www.maine.gov/ethics

Date of Travel (Required)	Odometer Reading at Start (Suggested)	Odometer Reading at End (Suggested)	Number of Miles Traveled (Required)	Purpose and Destinations of Travel (Required)

HOW TO REPORT TRAVEL

Report reimbursements on Schedule B of a campaign finance report. The person receiving the reimbursement is the "Payee."

If the campaign pays for fuel, report the expenditure on Schedule B of a campaign finance report listing the gas station as the "Payee," and use this log for documentation, not reimbursement.

Receipts for expenditures over $50 and travel logs must be kept until December 2013 (3 years after the 42-Day Post-General Report).

	Number of miles this page
	Number of miles from attached pages
	Total miles traveled
$	Multiply by $0.44 (per mile rate for 2010 elections) **This is the maximum reimbursement amount based on mileage. The payments for fuel can not exceed this amount.**

Actual Amount of Reimbursement: $_____

Exhibit A: (cont)

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Date of Travel (Required)	Odometer Reading at Start (Suggested)	Odometer Reading at End (Suggested)	Number of Miles Traveled (Required)	Purpose of Travel (Required)
Total miles traveled this page				

Exhibit B

MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU
SENATE 23

SCHEDULE B ONLY

11/02/2010	BLUEBERRY BROADCASTING	paid by Strategy Maine	RAD	$190.40
11/02/2010	BLUEBERRY BROADCASTING	paid by Strategy Maine	RAD	$119.00
11/02/2010	BLUEBERRY BROADCASTING	paid by Strategy Maine	RAD	$374.85
11/02/2010	BLUEBERRY BROADCASTING	paid by Strategy Maine	RAD	$343.40
11/02/2010	BLUEBERRY BROADCASTING	paid by Strategy Maine	RAD	$171.70
10/23/2010	STRATEGIC ADVOCACY	Town post cards print and design	LIT	$3,872.85
10/23/2010	STRATEGIC ADVOCACY	District wide mailer print and design	LIT	$3,796.79
10/23/2010	STRATEGIC ADVOCACY	Absentee mailer	LIT	$151.11
10/23/2010	STRATEGIC ADVOCACY	Town post cards postage	POS	$3,007.49
10/23/2010	STRATEGIC ADVOCACY	District wide mailer postage	POS	$4,166.48
10/23/2010	STRATEGIC ADVOCACY	Absentee mailer postage	POS	$234.52
10/25/2010	PROFESSIONAL WEB HOSTING		WEB	$107.49
10/22/2010	STRATEGY MAINE	commission and production costs	PRO	$694.05
12/06/2010	JOANNE E PEASE CPA	Campaign bookkeeping and reporting work	PRO	$600.00
12/06/2010	MICHAEL THIBODEAU	partial mileage reimbursement	TRV	$816.47
			TOTAL EXPENDITURES ⇨	$26,055.20

Exhibit C:

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES
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Office: 45 Memorial Circle, Augusta, Maine
Website: www.maine.gov/ethics
Phone: 207-287-4179
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2010 CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

CANDIDATE	
MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU 169 COLES CORNER RD WINTERPORT, ME 04496 Party affiliation: REPUBLICAN Office sought: SENATE District or county: 23 Financing status: MCEA	Home: (207)223-5177 Work: FAX: mthibmyrep@aol.com
TREASURER	
CAROL WESTON 154 CHOATE ROAD MONTVILLE, ME 04941	Home: (207)589-4481 Work: FAX: cweston@fairpoint.net
DEPUTY TREASURER	
JOANNE PEASE P.O. BOX 296 LIBERTY, ME 04949	Home: (207)589-3369 Work: jepl@fairpoint.net
POLITICAL COMMITTEE	
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Re: Agenda #1 and #5 - Please consider this Additional Information

To: Commissioners and Mr. Franklin J. Wayne

Agenda Item #1:

As Concerned Citizens, we object to the minutes for August 18, 2011, because of the total refusal to acknowledge our paperwork. It is disrespectful to the public, to disregard our submission. After the meeting, Mr. Greenier talked to Commissioner Duchette, to get the minutes corrected and essentially he claimed, it's not their job. If the Commissioners have to vote on approval of the minutes, it is their job and responsibility, to make sure the minutes are accurate, for the public.

If the minutes for the Ethics Commission can't be corrected, then it's time to disband this commission, as it makes this commission moot and null and void.

On our August 17th submission, the core values, the word "Honesty" was marked off by somebody, with magic marker, which we object to. This was a deliberate act by somebody and we respectfully request that it be corrected, as somebody altered our paperwork.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, for correction of the minutes.

In addition, we object to the contents of Agenda Item #5. For correction, Senator Thibodeau didn't run for re-election as Senator. He ran for the House and then ran for his 1st term, as Senator,

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Agenda Item #5 (cont):

As Concerned Citizens we object to penalizing Senator Thibodeau for $100.00, without returning the clean Elections Money in the amount of $816.47, for violations of the mileage log. We contend by the auditor assessing a penalty for violation, then the reimbursement for the travel log must be returned. Senator Thibodeau has accepted responsibility, by paying the penalty. The next step for this commission is to request the money to be returned, because the auditor didn't accept the mileage log. By the commission ruling on a violation of $100.00, but then allowing Senator Thibodeau (or any other candidate), to profit for $816.47, for the violation, sends the wrong message to other clean election candidates. In my 2008 campaign for Senate District #23, the opponent got reimbursement for mileage in the travel log. Then she reimbursed some of the campaign drivers, without disclosing their names, to the commission.

If we give credibility to the auditors notes on the travel log dated, Received Jul 18, 2011, it refers to "$593.47 check # 126 12/6/10" and "reimbursed Mike an additional $223.00 #127 2/9/11". How would Senator Thibodeau get reimbursed on February 9, 2011 for mileage reimbursement, when Clean elections money is returned in December 2010? We allege that Senator Thibodeau (or any candidate) should be returning clean election funds, if the auditor claims a violation, otherwise there shouldn't be a penalty. Also, one paperwork says $816.47 and another says $816.27.

In conclusion, we object to meeting for September 19th. This meeting was posted, withdrawn, as if the meeting was cancelled. By this process, it locks out the public for access, for transparency in government. In addition, in our August 19th submission, the core values "Honesty" was marked off and we request it be corrected, for transparency in government, to correct the record.

Concerned Citizens,
Carol Sherrin & Michele Greenier

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