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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Overwhelming Support for Anti-Corruption Legislation Among Mainers

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that an overwhelming majority (84%) of Maine voters support new anti-corruption legislation preventing members of Congress from profiting from their offices by establishing stronger conflict of interest laws, stricter lobbying rules, and preventing candidates from benefitting from secret corporate money to boost their campaigns. Only 6% of voters oppose this.

Another large majority of Maine voters (73%) support new legislation similar to Maine's Clean Elections Act to provide a limited, small dollar campaign finance matching system for all qualified federal candidates, who would have to turn down big campaign contributions from wealthy donors. This includes a majority of voters across political parties, with support from 79% of both Democrats and independents, and 60% of Republicans.

The survey also finds that Senator Susan Collins leads by a 6% margin (48-42) when matched against a generic Democratic opponent, but her lead shrinks to 2% (44-42) against Democrat Sara Gideon after hearing that Collins has accepted \$2.9 million from corporate PACs and backs Mitch McConnell, who is blocking a vote on anti-corruption legislation in Washington.

PPP surveyed 700 Maine voters from July 26-27, 2019. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. The survey was conducted by telephone.

