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LD 951

TESTIMONY OF SIMON THOMPSON
In SUPPORT of LD 951 "An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding
Sources"

Committee of Veterans and Legal Affairs
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Good morning Chairs Hickman and Supica, and members of the Committee. My name is Simon Thompson and I am from Portland.

I urge you to support LD 951. Maine has a long and proud history of ethical and transparent elections, and this bill would further strengthen that record. Today, there is an increasing number of ways that large campaign donors can bypass standard reporting through novel vehicles for contributions. This bill seeks to close some of those loopholes and takes important steps toward requiring reporting of the original sources of contributions.

It is more imperative now as ever that Mainers have confidence and trust in our elections, and transparency and disclosure of campaign donations is a key step toward instilling that trust.

I urge the committee to vote 'Ought to Pass' on LD 951.