

Questions for State Representative Candidates

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What do you think are the 3 biggest issues Maine faces over the next four years?

Protecting water / creating a fair tax policy / single payer health care. Fighting racial profiling may become a crisis here.

How will you represent all Portlanders, including the traditionally marginalized members of our community (for example, the homeless, the poor, those with mental or physical disabilities)?

I have dedicated my life to doing this. See my website biography attached.

How will you deal with the budget shortfall? Augusta has been committed to only dealing with one side of the budget, by cutting expenses. Are you open to raising revenues? If so, in what ways?

See my tax policy from my website, attached.

There has been persistent uncertainty regarding federal subsidies for Rail in Maine (specifically the Downeaster). Are you committed to Maine's Amtrak link? How would the state make up any short fall in federal funding for Amtrak?

Mass public transportation is crucial. I don't have a specific plan for that shortfall.

Do you support same-sex marriage? (please answer yes or no) If yes, what will you do to further the cause? If no, why do you oppose same-sex marriage?

Yes! I have seen a long time sufferer of EQ-ME and have worked hard on their conversion!

What policies do you believe need to be enacted to support Maine's growing immigrant and refugee population? Stop the "game" of designating some as "illegal" or "undeserving" and start trying to ensure that all people have basic necessities of life.

How can the government of Maine keep our youth from leaving and attract new youth to the State?

I don't know.

How would you improve access to healthcare in Maine? What steps would you take to improve Dirigo Health? Do you support single payer healthcare?

Single-payer health care is one of my priorities.

Please see my web pages: www.sethberner.com