

Message from David Costello, Candidate for U.S. Senate

Dear Maine Democrat:

Over this past summer I've had the opportunity to speak with many Maine voters about the state of our economy and democracy, and the performance of our government. And, like me, many expressed the concern that our federal government isn't doing enough to address our most demanding challenges. Which gets to the root of why I'm running against Senator King.

I decided to run because I'm concerned that Washington is broken. That our governing infrastructure is outdated. That our imperfect democracy and government are in danger of becoming even more flawed – and that to adequately remedy the situation we need to do a lot more than simply change who we elect every two or six years. We need to substantially reform our governing practices and institutions and eliminate the excessive and corrupting influence that money, wealth, and disinformation have over our politics and government.

I want to help in fixing Washington by advancing long-overdue legislative and constitutional reforms (details @ www.costelloforsenate.com) that will not only aid in strengthening our democracy and government, but also help in better protecting our rights (including reproductive and LGBTQ+ rights) and assist in more effectively addressing such pressing problems as climate change, escalating gun violence, affordable health care and housing, economic inequality, shoddy infrastructure, underperforming schools, and insufficient retirement security.

I also want to help by pushing back against the false narrative that both political parties are responsible for the dysfunction in Washington and that only through largely exaggerated “bipartisan” and “moderate” action will genuine progress be achieved. For too long too many politicians, including Maine's two U.S. senators, have fed into, and benefited politically from this misleading narrative, with little or no public benefit to show for it.

While we Democrats bear some responsibility for Washington's failures, it's nothing in comparison to that of the Republican Party. Which, for over thirty years, has purposefully chosen to impose government shutdowns, gerrymanders, debt default threats, Senate holds and filibusters, and other means to prevent the enactment of sound, mainstream government policies and reforms. Whereas we Democrats have generally shown a willingness to compromise as we've worked hard to enact sound,

broadly popular policies, and reforms, only to be thwarted by increasingly hard-lined anti-government Republicans.

With respect to Senator King, I appreciate his years of service, however, he has yet to support the kind of bold, substantive reforms that I believe are needed to truly fix Washington and he's unlikely to do so during what is likely to be his last term in the U.S. Senate. That said, I have no intention of becoming a spoiler and fortunately Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) protects against such an outcome in Maine.

So please consider joining me (@ www.costelloforsenate.com) in contesting right wing, "no-labels," and other groundless efforts to label us Democrats as out-of-the-mainstream, intransigent, or worse – and fighting for reforms that I believe are needed to genuinely strengthen our democracy and government and ensure that all Americans are provided with the security, education, job skills, and other life enriching opportunities to thrive.

Sincerely,
David Costello

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