

# What's At Stake in 2018

The **Alliance for Maine Women** is a broad network of organizations working to ensure that Mainers have the economic, social, and political power to make decisions about their bodies, sexuality, health, and families. The Alliance has developed a list of questions for voters to ask candidates in legislative and gubernatorial races this fall.

**Keep this list handy and use it to help you when campaigns call or knock on your door.**

## **Economic Security**

- What do you see as the top three biggest economic security issues in Maine, and how would you solve them?
- In what ways do you suggest the state protect working families?
- Will you support a system of Paid Family Medical Leave for Mainers? If yes, how?
- As an elected official, what will you do to ensure gender equity in Maine?

## **Health Care and Reproductive Freedom**

- Do you support requiring Maine insurance providers, including MaineCare, to provide gender affirming care to transgender youth and adults?
- Do you support fully implementing Medicaid expansion to provide health care coverage for 70,000 low-income Mainers?
- Would you protect Maine's Reproductive Privacy Act to ensure abortion access at the state level if Roe v. Wade is overturned?
- Do you support MaineCare coverage for abortion care?
- What will you do to protect funding for Maine's organizations that provide comprehensive reproductive health care services, including abortion, if federal Title X funds are denied or inaccessible under new Trump administration regulations?

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## Access to Justice and Voter Rights

- Do you support shifting resources away from the criminal justice system and into communities and social service programs to effectively address the opioid crisis? Why or why not?
- What would you do to engage immigrant and New Mainer communities in the political process, to ensure that they can participate fully in our democracy?

## Violence Prevention

- In the age of #MeToo, how will you ensure that survivors of violence –especially those from marginalized communities, such as tribal people, LGBTQ+ folks, and/or immigrants– are supported?
- How will you approach holding people to account for domestic abuse, and why do you believe that approach will have the most impact?

*The **Alliance for Maine Women** is a broad network of organizations working to ensure that Mainers have the economic, social, and political power to make decisions about their bodies, sexuality, health, and families -with an emphasis on securing these rights for Maine women. The Alliance brings together members with diverse expertise and experiences who understand that all people in Maine benefit when Maine women have the right to economic security and reproductive justice (including access to abortion), and can live their lives with agency, autonomy, and freedom from violence. Members of the Alliance for Maine Women work to achieve this through legislative and legal advocacy, community organizing, and public education.*

## Alliance for Maine Women Organizational Members:

AAUW of Maine	Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence
ACLU of Maine	Maine Equal Justice Partners
Consumers for Affordable Health Care	Maine Family Planning
EqualityMaine	Maine People's Alliance
Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights (GRR!)	Maine Transgender Network (MaineTransNet)
League of Women Voters of Maine	Maine Women's Lobby/Maine Women's Policy Center
Mabel Wadsworth Center	New Ventures Maine
Maine Association of Family and Consumer Sciences	Planned Parenthood of Northern New England
Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault	