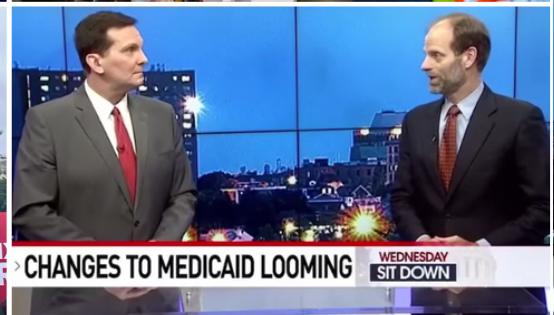


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Dear Friend and Supporter,

MECEP has delivered wins for Maine people in favorable and challenging political environments. We do this by being adaptable and focused, providing fact-based analysis and policy solutions, engaging broad audiences through effective communication, and working closely with advocates, lawmakers, and the media.

MECEP keeps moving forward.

We are motivated by immigrants establishing roots in Maine so their families can thrive. We are motivated by single moms juggling careers, child care, and saving for their future. We are motivated by individuals juggling family, career, and caring for aging or sick family members. We are motivated by workers fighting for fair wages and basic protections.

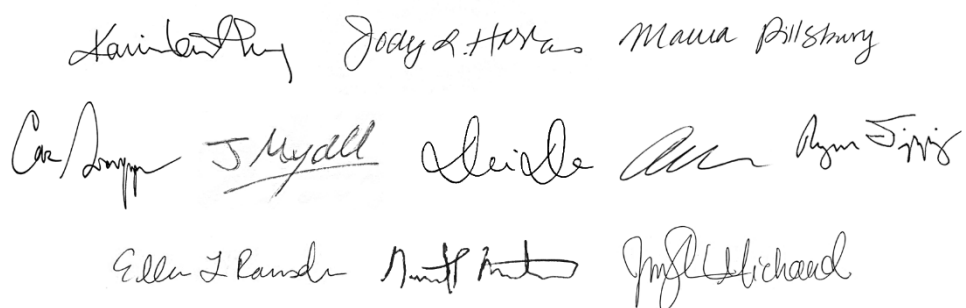
MECEP's approach is grounded in the knowledge that the best policy outcomes center the voices and lived experience of impacted people. Our team invites new voices to join policy conversations with advocates, lawmakers, and the media statewide. Our strategy adapts based on what we learn from Mainers who are unable to thrive in an unjust economy.

MECEP keeps moving forward to create an economy that works for everyone and to support and uphold a healthy democracy.

Thank you for your trust in our team and belief in our vision for a state where all Mainers thrive. Whether you subscribe to our emails, read our blog, rely on our analysis, attend our Lunch & Learn webinars, or all the above — **thank you**. Your engagement makes it clear we are part of a broader community and knowing that inspires us to keep moving forward.

In solidarity,

Team MECEP



Handwritten signatures of the MECEP team members, arranged in three rows. The first row contains three signatures: Karina, Jody, and Maria. The second row contains four signatures: Car, J, Steve, and Ryan. The third row contains three signatures: Ellen, Amy, and Josh.



Maine Center for Economic Policy at a glance:

We fight for equity and prosperity for all Maine people through issue-based analysis, education, and advocacy.

Whether we're the lone voice speaking up or we're part of a coalition, we're committed to pushing back against powerful forces representing corporate and wealthy interests, ensuring every voice in Maine is heard and valued.

Creating lasting change that helps Mainers thrive doesn't happen in a vacuum.

Lawmakers need reliable information and sound solutions

Term-limits and minimal staffing of Maine's citizen legislature mean MECEP is a backbone organization for good governance.

→ **Each legislative session, MECEP testifies on dozens of priority issues and helps originate, revise, and advance bills through the legislative process.**

"Very much appreciate all your input along the way! I can't even count the number of times you and your testimony provided just the right piece of information to help us ask good questions or make a decision."
– Maine Legislator

Advocates need a partner they can count on

MECEP is a thought partner and strategic ally to individuals and groups advancing economic justice in Maine.

→ **MECEP is a founding member of Mainers for Tax Fairness and the Coalition on Racial Equity, creating permanent statewide infrastructure to amplify voices of impacted communities in policy debates. MECEP has also served on leadership teams and as the primary research partner of successful ballot campaigns and policy coalitions.**

"I appreciate all MECEP does, including giving voice to those who are too often not heard."
– Advocacy Ally, MECEP Donor & Former Maine Legislator

People and the media need timely and accessible information

MECEP helps frame the issues and increase understanding through fact-based analysis.

→ **MECEP reports and analysis are regularly cited in the media and online content generated by MECEP staff is routinely viewed and shared on social media and through member communications.**

"Thanks for sharing this [MECEP blogpost]. It's honestly the clearest summation I've seen on the subject."
– Bangor Daily News Reporter

MECEP HIGHLIGHTS

from over the last year

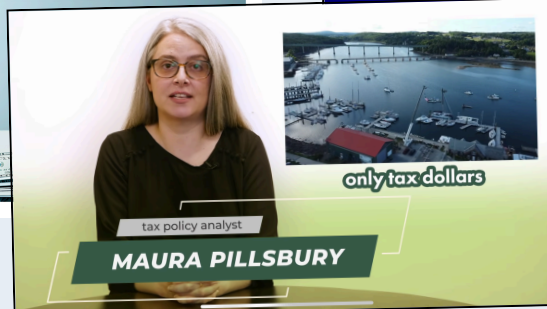
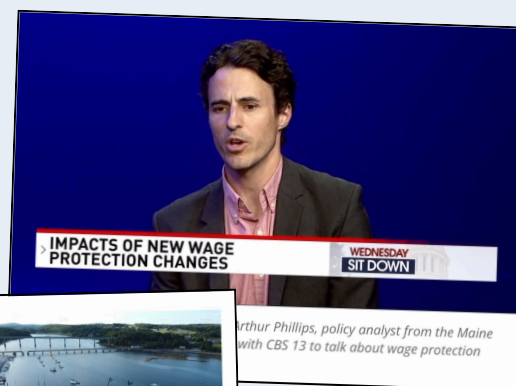
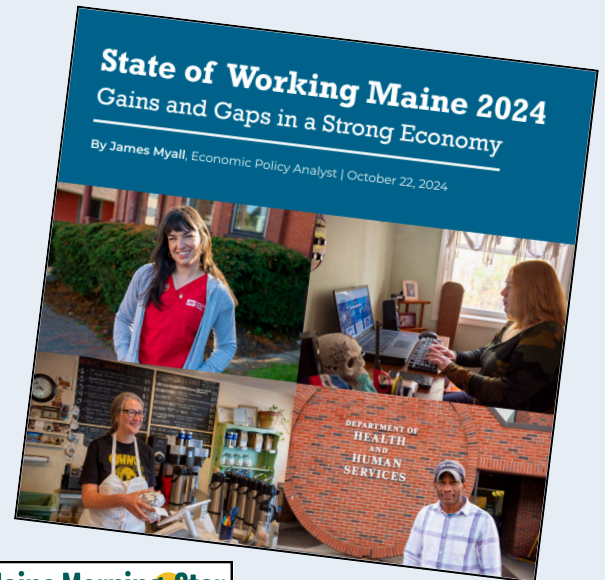
- 200+ *media citations* in 40+ different outlets
- Published 4 *major reports and briefs* and over 30 *blog articles*
- Delivered 42 *pieces of testimony* before the Maine legislature and coordinated 3 *legislative briefings*
- Published 3 new *Explainers* presenting the nuts and bolts on big issues impacting Mainers
- 265 people attended MECEP *Lunch & Learn webinars*
- Connected with, interviewed, photographed, and *shared stories of working Mainers* across Maine
- Launched a TikTok channel with 8 *reels breaking down hot topics*
- *Corporate tax transparency video* was viewed by 30,000 people, including 5,000 in the Maine State House
- *Coordinated and participated in multiple coalitions and committees* that advance racial equity and worker justice and provide tax, budget, and economic insights

Stay up to date on our work:

CREATING OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

Over the last year, MECEP leveraged support from more than **200** donors to impact the lives of more than **270,000** Maine families:

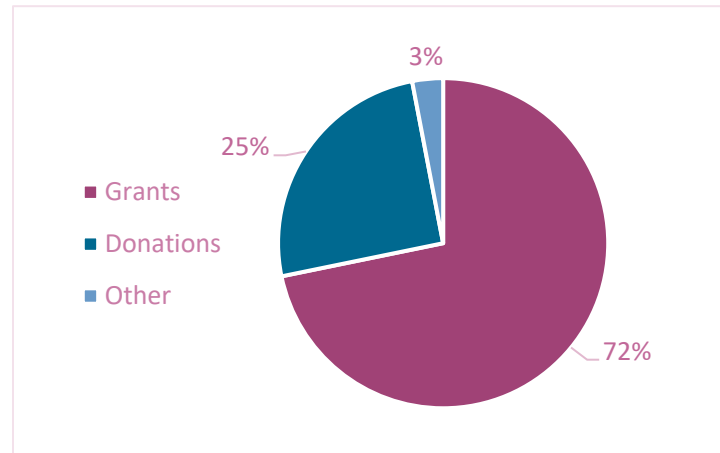
- ➔ Built a cadre of 32 tax fairness legislative champions who passed a **law to create greater accountability for large corporations** that avoid paying taxes
- ➔ Saved \$52 million a year by **stopping 5 ineffective business tax giveaways**
- ➔ Supported the passage of a **Paid Family and Medical Leave law** that will be available to hundreds of thousands of workers.
- ➔ Helped pass a **minimum wage law for farmworkers** with bipartisan support
- ➔ Protected **\$229 million in funding for education, health care, housing, and income support** to increase economic opportunity for Maine families
- ➔ Helped build support for establishing an **Office of New Americans** to assist new arrivals to Maine



Financial Statement

Revenues

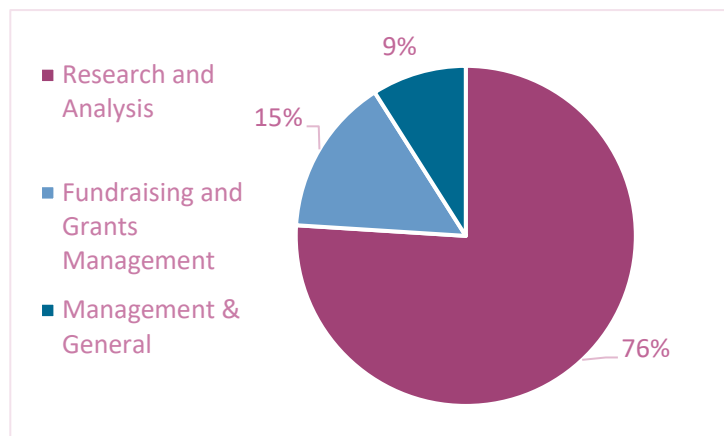
Grants		\$958,535
Donations		\$336,558
Other		\$40,266
Total		\$1,335,359



MECEP receives grants from 17 state and national private foundations and over 200 individual donors. We are deeply grateful for their support without which our work would not be possible.

Expenses

Research & Analysis		\$1,033,878
Fundraising & Grants Management		\$204,055
Management & General		\$122,433
Total		\$1,360,366



Assets

Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$1,035,911	Unrestricted Funds	\$396,843
Net Assets End of Year	\$1,351,690	Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$602,368
		Restricted for Operating Reserves	\$352,479
		TOTAL	\$1,360,366

Note: MECEP operates on a modified cash basis. Revenues include grant income received in 2023 and restricted for use in 2024 and exclude grants received in 2024 and restricted for use in 2025.

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