

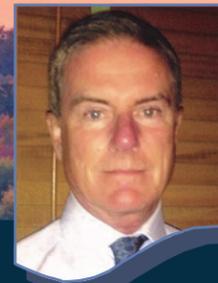


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We the people of Maine...



Thomas A. Connolly

The Maine Heritage Policy Center welcomes new member Thomas A. Connolly to our Board of Directors.

Mr. Connolly is an investor and asset manager with over 20 years' experience in equities and alternative investment vehicles, including advisory work to the endowments of several non-profit organizations. He has also practiced law with a large international firm in New York City specializing in corporate litigation and bankruptcy, with admission to the state bars of California and New York.

He previously served on the professional staffs of both the Judiciary Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the U.S. Senate. For the Judiciary Committee, he served as a policy specialist in the areas of international illicit drug control and federal government programs and financial support to innovative police and prison programs at the state and local level. On the Intelligence Committee staff, he was a technical expert in the areas of nuclear weapons monitoring, U.S. intelligence collection policy and adequacy, technology transfer, and counter-terrorism. He later researched and published some of the first academic studies on conflicts, under the Constitution, between Presidential powers and responsibilities and citizens' privacy rights in the collection by the government of warrantless intelligence in the United States, particularly as it relates to international arms control agreements.

Mr. Connolly graduated with a B.A. in philosophy from Yale University and earned an M.A. degree in politics and philosophy from Oxford University. His J.D. is from Stanford Law School. He supports and has been associated with numerous non-profit organizations in the areas of education and job training, care for the elderly, national security, immigration, and integrity in the media.

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Working together to advance the cause of liberty... join the fight!

As Mark Twain so eloquently put it, **"No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session."** Well guess what, it's that time of year where the start of yet another legislative session is just around the corner.

I don't know about you, but if you are anything like me, it makes my stomach cringe to know that with the start of every legislative session we face the possibility of increased taxes and less freedoms.

Fortunately though, **conservatives have a strong, united voice in The Maine Heritage Policy Center (MHPC).**

Most of you reading this already know we are Maine's foremost conservative "think-tank" or policy center. You know what we do, what we stand for, and what we have accomplished here at MHPC.

MHPC is a **nonprofit**, nonpartisan research and educational organization based in Maine. We work to formulate and promote free-market, conservative public policies in the areas of limited government, economic growth, tax and fiscal policy, health care, education, constitutional law and government transparency—**providing solutions that benefit all Maine citizens.**

If you have been following us online or attending any of our nearly 30 events – you know we are fighting to **advance the cause of liberty** and working to Free Maine.

You know we are providing solutions to **grow Maine's economy** and address Maine's welfare problems.

Since the left controls Maine's mainstream newspapers, it can be hard for liberty-minded folks to **get the truth** about what's happening in Augusta and Washington, D.C. That's why MHPC created The Maine

Wire – the fastest growing political news website in the state.

The Maine Wire is written by conservatives, for conservatives and is delivering news that conservatives care about, bringing truth to media narratives and political debate, one story at a time. Our hard-hitting stories are working to drive the political conversation and forcing the mainstream media to report the truth. The success of MHPC's The Maine Wire is proof that liberal media bias does indeed exist.

Here at The Maine Heritage Policy Center, we understand that **our shared values and conservative principles are under attack.**

Rest assured in knowing that The Maine Heritage Policy Center is committed to the battles ahead, that we will continue press forward in the fight to **preserve our freedom** and hold our politicians – and the liberal media – accountable.

So, how can you help?

I want you to tell your family and friends, your neighbors and co-workers, everyone you can... anyone who will listen. Ours' is a battle for hearts and minds, and every MHPC member and Maine Wire reader brings us closer to a prosperous Maine.

Working together, **we will advance the cause of liberty.** Will you join the fight?

In Liberty,



J. Scott Moody
 CEO & Chief Economist
 The Maine Heritage Policy Center

Introducing The Maine Wire's Transparency Fund

THE MAINE WIRE

THE MAINE WIRE PRODUCES HARD-HITTING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING THAT GIVES MAINERS A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE NEWS AND SHEDS LIGHT ON WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING IN AUGUSTA.

The Maine Wire created the fund in order to support our ongoing investigations in the activities of government. As recent events have shown, entrenched interests in Augusta are committed to keeping public records secret. Powerful politicians don't want the people to know what they're up to and why. But The Maine Wire's dedicated team is resolute in our mission to expose corruption in government and hold public officials accountable. Contributions to the Transparency Fund will enable The Maine Wire to use Freedom of Access Act requests to obtain the important public records and secret communications politicians don't want you to see.

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The Maine Wire

Legislative Council: The Maine Wire delivered breaking coverage of the Legislature's Executive Council and determinations as to which bills will come before the Legislature in January. Our coverage showed how the six-person Democratic majority on the council effectively blocked a host of Republican-backed bills, including welfare reform proposals and a bill to help homeless veterans. Furthermore, we reported exclusively on the Democrat-controlled council's decision to kill a bill from Republican Representative Amy Volk of Scarborough. Our reporting on Volk's bill – and on the media's initial refusal to cover the story – eventually reached a tipping point, with numerous other outlets picking up the story. Just like when we caught Congressman Mike Michaud telling tall tales in his first campaign ad, the mainstream media was compelled to acknowledge our coverage.

The result? All of the Democrats on the council have now signaled a willingness to support Volk's legislation. This small victory shows yet again that through relentless, fact-based reporting, The Maine Wire is changing the political discussion in Maine and forcing the mainstream media to report on issues important to conservatives.

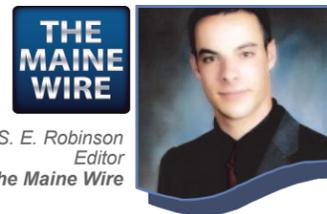
Obamacare: The Maine Wire reported exclusively on changes to Maine's individual and small group health insurance markets due to Obamacare. Through several weeks of investigative reporting, we uncovered that more than ten thousand Mainers will lose their current insurance plans due to the president's signature health care reform plan.



Federal Overreach: The Maine Wire was first to break the story about the federal government's inexplicable decision to close a state-owned, state-run park in Washington County. Our exclusive coverage of the event culminated in Governor LePage travelling to the Edmunds Township boat launch and subsequent reports in every state newspaper and multiple television outlets. The Maine Wire's story was also featured in a write-up from the *Washington Times*.

A Day on the Road with Paul: Other media outlets promptly left Washington County following the Governor's remarks about the closing of the Edmunds boat launch. (They hurried home to write stories about how unnecessary it was given that the partial federal shutdown had already concluded.) Unlike the mainstream press, The Maine Wire spent the day with Governor LePage in Washington County as he toured businesses, a local school and a hospital. The result? A story that shows the side of Paul LePage the *Bangor Daily News* and *Portland Press Herald* would never cover.

Teachers union unhappy with Obamacare? The Maine Wire reported exclusively on the Maine Education Association having an epiphany that maybe Obamacare isn't all it's cracked up to be. In a story the mainstream media are still ignoring, we uncovered how current teachers and retirees are about to have their insurance plans cancelled or dramatically restructured – and how they're actively seeking an exemption from the Obama administration in order to avoid increased premium costs.



S. E. Robinson
Editor
The Maine Wire

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MHPC's Center for Open Government & Transparency

On the issue of Medicaid expansion, we have requested copies of Democratic lawmaker's communications between liberal advocacy groups like the Maine People's Alliance, Maine Equal Justice Partners and the Maine Center for Economic Policy.

We have also requested all communications exchanged between top Democrats and the federal government vis-à-vis the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. These documents will show how efforts to drastically expand Maine's dysfunctional Medicaid system are being pushed by left-leaning interest groups and the Obama administration.

Although our efforts to bring transparency to the legislature typically have been stymied at every turn with exorbitant fees and unnecessary delays, we are excited to announce that in the coming months, The Maine Wire will release a special report on not only the contents of our public record requests, but the frustrating process of getting elected officials to comply with the Freedom of Access Act.

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JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO FREE MAINE!

Free ME is a bold initiative that will free Maine. It is a realistic strategy for spurring economic development statewide.

Maine has the opportunity to become America's premier destination for economic freedom and growth.

Free ME will put Maine back on the path to prosperity. Just think what it would mean for Maine to become the "tax haven" of the northeast, where entrepreneurs can thrive, where retirees can enjoy more of what they have saved, where families can keep more of what they have earned.

Free ME will turbo-charge the state's economy and make Maine a destination for capital and investment. The economic growth and prosperity that follow will more



MHPC's Free ME Initiative received national recognition at the State Policy Network's 21st Annual Meeting as the "Most Promising Concept" for freedom and liberty amongst the network's 59 affiliated think-tanks for 2013.



than make up for the "lost" revenue to government. Free ME is a revolutionary idea for Maine that will make the state more competitive and more business-friendly. Free ME will stop the bleeding and jump-start the economic recovery that is so urgently needed.

With more job creation, prosperity and opportunity, Free ME has the ability to decrease government dependence, which sadly has reached epidemic proportions in our state. More than one out of every three Mainers is dependent on the welfare system, and those numbers will only continue to climb unless we act now to turn things around.

If adopted, **Free ME will keep the flame of freedom burning brightly for generations to come and FREE MAINE.**

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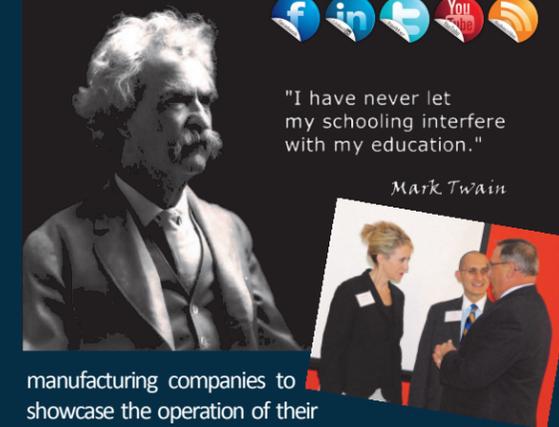


Thanks to the enduring work of The Maine Heritage Policy Center and Governor LePage, three more charter schools opened their doors for the first time this fall for a grand total of five charter schools in Maine.

- ◆ Baxter Academy for Technology & Science (2013)
- ◆ Cornville Regional Charter School (2012)
- ◆ Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences (2013)
- ◆ Harpswell Coastal Academy (2012)
- ◆ Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (2012)

In September, seven proposed charter schools submitted letters of intent to the Maine Charter School Commission, indicating plans to open schools in the fall of 2014.

Amanda Clark celebrated National Manufacturing Day with community leaders, students, and parents on Friday, October 4 at Mega Industries in Gorham. The goal of this event, hosted by the Manufacturers Association of Maine, was to educate students about new job opportunities in the field of manufacturing and to encourage



manufacturing companies to showcase the operation of their machines which require a high level of knowledge and skill in technology and engineering.

Currently, **GreatSchoolsforME.org** has 542 Facebook fans. Since August, more than 12,000 people have visited www.GreatSchoolsforME.org with an average duration of 1 minute plus, garnering more than 2,300 page views in just less than three months.

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MHPC by the Numbers 2013

- 5 full-time staff plus 2 policy contractors
- 7 active websites
- 8 public Facebook pages and 1 public profile with a total of 6,321 fans/friends
- 69,214 monthly average Facebook reach
- 5 twitter accounts with a total of 1,709 followers
- Active accounts with 8 social media sites
- 30 events hosted with 1,280 attendees including 124 first-time attendees



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