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BRAND NEW CONGRESS ENDORSES BETSY SWEET FOR U.S. SENATE

Progressive seeks to oust Senator Susan Collins

AUGUSTA, ME -- Brand New Congress announced Thursday that they have endorsed Betsy Sweet for U.S. Senate in Maine. Sweet, the only major Democratic candidate in the race who supports a Green New Deal and Medicare for all, seeks to unseat Maine's long-time Senator, Susan Collins.

"Betsy Sweet exemplifies what BNC stands for," said Zana Day, communications director for Brand New Congress. "She is a fierce advocate of protecting our democracy from the corrupting influence of Big Money in politics, and her years of experience advocating for everything from LGBTQIA+ rights, women's rights and election reforms will serve the people of Maine and this country well when she is in Washington."

Sweet's first experience in politics was knocking on doors for the Equal Rights Amendment. More than two decades ago Sweet helped write and pass the Maine's Family Medical Leave Act, one that our national policy is based on, and she was instrumental in writing and passing Maine's Clean Elections Act, the first in the country, in 1996. In 2019, as an advocate in the Maine statehouse, Sweet was responsible for achieving the largest funding increase for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and she worked to ensure passage of Maine's Death with Dignity Act.

"This is a grassroots movement," said Sweet. "Susan Collins has failed the people of Maine, and Establishment, business-as-usual politics has resulted in some of the most concerning crises of our time. We need leaders with the courage to challenge the status quo, and who are beholden to everyday people, not corporate campaign contributors."

Sweet has pledged to refuse dark money, federal lobbying and corporate PAC money. Her platform includes getting money out of politics, passing the Green New Deal, Medicare for All and a 21st Century Bill of Rights.



All BNC candidates sign a pledge to support the BNC 21st Century Bill of Rights, refuse corporate PAC dollars and to support one another's campaigns regardless of party affiliation. As slatemates our candidates train together, trade tips, share volunteer networks, discuss policy, and share their unique experiences and expertise to find more robust solutions to today's problems.

A former director of the Maine Women's Lobby and the Maine Commission for Women, as well as a small business owner, Sweet has spent her career advocating for people with disabilities, the elderly, women, children, and low-income individuals and families. She gained statewide prominence in 2018, when she ran in the Democratic primary for Governor. Sweet was the only person to run as a clean elections candidate, and she helped write and pass the 1996 Maine Clean Election Act. Sweet was the first major candidate to [announce](#) her candidacy for U.S. Senate against Susan Collins on June 13, 2019. Her campaign is also endorsed by Justice Democrats, Democracy For America, Progressive Democrats of America and Blue America.