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**U.S. Senate candidate Betsy Sweet surging in donations, people power**  
*Campaign raised more than \$100K in Q3, and has a volunteer network of nearly 400*

PORTLAND, Maine – U.S. Senate candidate Betsy Sweet reported this week that her campaign had its best fundraising quarter since she announced her candidacy in June of 2019. Sweet raised \$101,000 in the third quarter of 2019, with an average contribution of just \$33. That number bests her Q2 haul by more than \$20,000. As well, the campaign reports having activated nearly 400 volunteers — an indicator of Sweet’s statewide grassroots efforts.

“We’re campaigning the way we’ll govern, by spending time with Mainers, not lobbyists and the monied special interests,” said Sweet. “And Mainers are responding. Nearly 400 people are actively volunteering for our campaign, and over 3,000 people have contributed. I’m grateful to the hard-working Mainers who are donating their time and money to this movement. Mainers deserve a senator who is on their side, and I’m honored that our message has resonated with so many.”

Sweet is fueling her campaign with people, not corporate interests. Thousands of small-dollar donors from all across the Maine are pitching in to help Sweet defeat incumbent Senator Susan Collins in November. 2,500 of Sweet’s Q3 contributions were under \$50, and more than 2,800 were under \$100.

Further evidence of this campaign’s momentum lies in her statewide presence and person-to-person contact with Maine voters. Since launching her In Your Corner Town Hall tour in September, the candidate from Hallowell, Maine has held 13 town halls, traveled 5,383 miles, and continues to see increasing turnout with each event. Sweet’s next town halls are slated for Saturday, October 19 in South Portland and Oct 20 in Brunswick.



*Endorsed by Justice Democrats, Democracy For America, and Blue America, Sweet is running on a bold progressive platform including Medicare For All, a Green New Deal, and getting big money out of politics.*

*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.*

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