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Emily Ann Cain

Emily Ann Cain (b. March 29, 1980, in Louisville, KY) is the executive director of EMILY's List, a political action committee dedicated to electing Democratic women to public office. She is a former Democratic member of the Maine State Senate, representing District 30 from 2012 to 2014.

Cain unsuccessfully sought election to the U.S. House to represent the 2nd Congressional District of Maine in 2016.[1]

Cain served in the Maine House of Representatives, representing District 19 from 2004 to 2012 and serving as Minority Floor Leader.

Cain announced she ran for Maine's 2nd Congressional District seat after incumbent Mike Michaud announced that he was exploring a candidacy for Maine's gubernatorial race.[2] She was defeated by Bruce Poliquin (R) in the general election.[3] Cain defeated Troy Jackson in the Democratic primary on June 10, 2014.[4]

She was the first woman in Maine to become House Minority Leader.[5]

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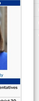

Democratic Party
Prior offices
Maine House of Representatives District 19
Maine State Senate District 30
Elections and appointments
Last election November 8, 2016
Education
Bachelor's University of Maine, 2002
Graduate Harvard University Graduate School of Education, 2008
Personal
Religion Christian Catholic
Profession Advancement, Honors College, University of Maine
Contact
Personal website

Biography

Cain's professional experience includes working as the Coordinator of Advancement of the Honors College at the University of Maine and Special Assistant for Presidential Events for the University of Maine Alumni Association.

Email ecain@ballotpedia.org to notify us of updates to this biography.

EMILY's List

In June 2017, Cain was named the executive director of EMILY's List, a political action committee dedicated to electing Democratic women to public office.[6]

"My hope is I'll have instant credibility with the candidates we talk to across the country because I've been there," said Cain. "The opportunity for us is not only to win seats that have been traditionally Democratic, but to do everything we can to meet the voters in the Trump-won districts — to connect with them, hear their stories and meet their needs."[7][8]

Committee assignments

2013-2014

At the beginning of the 2013 legislative session, Cain served on the following committees:

Maine committee assignments, 2013 [show]

2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, Cain served on the following committees:

Maine committee assignments, 2011 [show]

2009-2010

In the 2009-2010 legislative session, Cain served on the following committees:

Maine committee assignments, 2009 [show]

Elections

2016

See also: Maine's 2nd Congressional District election, 2016

Maine's 2nd Congressional District was a battleground district in 2016. Incumbent Bruce Poliquin (R) defeated former state Sen. Emily Cain (D) and Jay Parker Dresser (Write-in) in the general election on November 8, 2016. Poliquin defeated Cain in 2014 and Cain in 2012 to win election to the seat. Neither candidate faced a primary challenger in June.[9][10][11]

Obama endorsement

During the 2016 election cycle Cain was one of candidates endorsed by President Barack Obama.

Full list of Obama's 2016 endorsements

U.S. House, Maine District 2 General Election, 2016			[Collapse]
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Republican	✓**Bruce Poliquin** Incumbent	54.8%	192,878
Democratic	Emily Ann Cain	45.2%	159,081
N/A	Write-in	0.1%	224
Total Votes			**352,183**

Source: Maine Secretary of State#

Cain was one of the initial members of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's Red to Blue Program. The program "highlights top Democratic campaigns across the country, and offers them financial, communications, grassroots, and strategic support."[12]

Campaign themes

The following issues were listed on Cain's campaign website. For a full list of campaign themes, click here#.

> **Balancing Budgets and Cutting Wasteful Spending**: Emily believes balancing budgets, paying our bills, and lowering taxes all go hand-in-hand with investing in our future. As Chair of the Appropriations Committee in the Maine Legislature, Emily's most important job was balancing our state's budget during the Great Recession.
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> **Creating Jobs and Strengthening the Economy**: When Emily was a kid, her dad would set out every week as a traveling shoe salesman to support his family. When times got tough Emily's family went "on full boom," spending only what they had to until things turned around. Emily understands the ups and downs that so many Maine families have gone through – because she has gone through them, too.
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> **Energy Independence and Protecting The Environment**: The strength of Maine's economy and our ability to create jobs is connected to the health of our environment. To preserve our way of life, our fishing and farming economy, and the health of our children, Maine must be a leader in the fight to stop global climate change.
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> **Healthcare**: You shouldn't have to be rich or live in a city to see your family doctor when you're sick. And when you need medical care, it shouldn't cost you a fortune. Medicaid should be given by trained doctors and nurses, not insurance company executives.
>
> **Honoring the Sacrifice of Maine's Veterans**: Emily will invest in job creation, workforce training, and expanding access to higher education by strengthening the GI Bill. She will fight for tax cuts for companies that hire veterans and that help veteran small business owners. And she will be an advocate for Maine's military families, who must have our support before, during, and after their loved ones are actively serving.

—Emily Ann Cain's campaign website, http://emilycain.com/issues/ ✓

2014

See also: Maine's 2nd Congressional District elections, 2014

After Rep. Mike Michaud of Maine's 2nd Congressional District acknowledged that he was launching an exploratory committee to run for governor, Cain announced on June 14, 2013, that she would be running in the Democratic primary for the seat in 2014.[13] Cain defeated Troy Jackson in the Democratic primary on June 10, 2014.[14] The general election took place on November 4, 2014.

U.S. House, Maine District 2 General Election, 2014			[Collapse]
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Democratic	Emily Cain	40.2%	118,568
Republican	✓**Bruce Poliquin**	45.2%	133,320
Independent	Blaine Richardson	10.6%	31,337
Other	Other	0.1%	248
Blank	None	3.9%	11,536
Total Votes			**295,009**

Source: Maine Secretary of State Official Results#

Endorsements

On October 9, 2013, EMILY's List announced its support for Cain.[15]

"Emily has defended women's access to healthcare, fought to increase opportunities in education, and spearheaded ethics reforms in Augusta, and the EMILY's List community — now more than two million members strong — is thrilled to help her become the first Democratic woman elected to Maine's 2nd Congressional District," EMILY's List President Stephanie Schriock said in a news release.[16]

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) endorsed Cain on March 18, 2014.[17]

U.S. House, Maine District 2 Democratic Primary, 2014			[Collapse]
CANDIDATE		VOTE %	VOTES
✓**Emily Cain**		71%	19,906
Troy Jackson		29%	8,116
Total Votes			**28,022**

Source: Maine.gov#

2012

See also: Maine's 2nd Congressional District elections, 2012

Cain won election in the 2012 election for Maine State Senate District 30. She ran unopposed in the Democratic primary on June 12, 2012, and defeated Roderick Hathaway (R) in the general election on November 6, 2012. Incumbent Elizabeth Schneider (D) did not run for re-election.[18]

Maine State Senate, District 30, General Election, 2012			[Collapse]
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Democratic	✓**Emily Cain**	62.8%	11,021
Republican	Roderick Hathaway	37.2%	6,537
Total Votes			**17,558**

2010

See also: Maine House of Representatives elections, 2010

Cain's opponent in the November 2 general election was Republican candidate Zachary Jackman. Cain defeated Jackman in the November 2 general election.[19]

Maine House of Representatives General Election, District 19 (2010)		
Candidates	**Votes**	**Percent**
✓ Emily Ann Cain (D)	1,958	66%
Zachary Jackman (R)	863	29%

2008

See also: Maine House of Representatives elections, 2008

On November 4, 2008, Emily Ann Cain was unopposed for District 19 of the Maine House of Representatives.[20]

Emily Ann Cain raised $2,520 for her campaign.[21]

Maine House of Representatives, District 19	
Candidates	**Votes**
✓ Emily Ann Cain (D)	4,442

Campaign donors

The finance data shown here comes from the disclosures required of candidates and parties. Depending on the election or state, this may not represent all the funds spent on their behalf. Satellite spending groups may or may not have expended funds related to the candidate or ballot measure for whose page you are reading this disclaimer, and campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. For elections for federal offices, complete data can be found at the FEC website#. Click here for more on federal campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance law.

Emily Ann Cain campaign contribution history [hide]

Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2012	Maine State Senate, District 30	✓	$21,365
2010	Maine State House, District 19	✓	$5,125
2008	Maine State House, District 19	✓	$2,520
2006	Maine State House, District 19	✓	$5,374
2004	Maine State House, District 19	✓	$5,280
Grand total raised			**$39,664**

Source: (?? Follow the Money)

2016

Source: This graphic was generated using data from the FEC#

2014

Candidates for Congress were required to file up to seven mail reports with the Federal Election Commission during the 2014 election season. Below are Cain's reports:[22]

Emily Cain (2014) Campaign Finance Reports [show]

2012

Cain won election to the Maine State Senate in 2012. During that election cycle, Cain raised a total of **$21,365**.

Maine State Senate 2012 election - campaign contributions [show]

2010

In 2010, Cain received $3,125 in campaign donations. The top contributors are listed below.[23]

Maine House of Representatives 2010 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2008

In 2008, Emily Ann Cain collected $2,520 in donations.[24]

Her largest contributor in 2008 was:

Donor	Amount
Public Fund	$2,520

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