



Maine People's Alliance

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Maine Small Businesses for Healthcare

A Big Vision for Small Business

As small businesses, we are the backbone of Maine's economy and play an important role in our communities. Our businesses create jobs, deliver essential goods and services, and build communities' local assets. Unfortunately, our healthcare system is failing small businesses across Maine. High costs and unreliable coverage are putting the health of our employees and families at risk, and endangering the viability of businesses across the state. As small business owners, we believe this system is fundamentally broken and we must fix it to ensure our future prosperity.

Therefore, we sign on in support of this coalition to work toward a health care system that:

- **Covers what we need, when we need it – guaranteed.** No one should lose coverage when they strike out to start a new business, get sick or change jobs. Coverage should be comprehensive, high quality, simple to use, and allow for choice of provider.
- **Shares responsibility fairly.** We need affordable and predictable costs to plan our expenses and budgets. If everyone pays their fair share, we can make a system that works.
- **Opens the door to everyone.** Everyone should have good health coverage. It shouldn't matter whether you run a small business or a Fortune 500 company.
- **Levels the playing field.** It should be easier for small businesses to compete with large corporations for good coverage and thereby retain quality workers.
- **Prioritizes health, not insurance industry profits.** The health care system should be transparent and accountable to the people it serves – us.

Owner Name	(sign)		(print)		Date	
Business Name				Business Type		
Day Phone			Email			
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Street Address			City			Zip
Total number of employees (including self)			Number of uninsured employees			
Are you a member of your local Chamber of Commerce?	Yes No	Rotary club?	Yes No	Other group(s):		
Are you willing to share your story about health care with the media?					Yes / No	



The Maine People's Alliance is working with coalitions in Maine and nationally to win healthcare reform that works for small businesses. Thank you for joining our efforts!



Maine Voices for Coverage

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