

## Our Goal: Lifetime, Comprehensive Healthcare for All Mainers

### Benefits to Business – Small and Large

**Small businesses know the private health insurance industry does not work for them. Here are elements business owners want in a health care system and how a state-wide, publicly funded, universal health care system would meet these needs:**

#### REMOVES OWNERS FROM HEALTH CARE BUSINESS

Universal care relieves employers of all administrative responsibilities. Employers do not need to manage funds, determine benefits, or pay providers.

#### KEEPS COSTS LOWER & MORE PREDICTABLE

Universal publicly funded health care allows every individual and business owner to know their share of costs as a taxpayer. These costs do not change regardless of health, family size, or employment status.

#### KEEPS EMPLOYEES HEALTHY & PRODUCTIVE

By removing deductibles and co-payments, universal care encourages employees to seek health care early. Employees stay healthier and more productive, reducing sick time costs.

### OTHER BENEFITS

**Provides employees with competitive health care benefits. Keeps productive employees from seeking better benefits at another company.**

Universal care means every employee gets the same comprehensive benefits regardless of employer. Entrepreneurs can start a new business and retain health care access for themselves, their families, and new employees. Employers do not need to split full-time positions into multiple part time positions to reduce health care costs.

**Levels the playing field for businesses large and small. Companies won't pay less by reducing or eliminating health care benefits.**

All individuals and businesses will pay their fair share for providing universal health care. Maine companies will have a strong competitive advantage over states with employer-based health care and will be better able to compete internationally with countries already providing universal care.