

May 14th, 2025
Winston Lumpkins IV,
House District 119
Senate District 28
Portland Maine

Dear Senator Bailey and Representative Mathieson, and other members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services,

I Support LD 1883: An Act to Enact the All Maine Health Act, and the accompanying LD 1269, a Resolve, to Study the Costs and Funding of a Universal Health Care Plan for Maine. There are many challenges which LD 1883 and LD 1269 offer solutions for. The four which are most important to me:

- Policy in Washington is changing rapidly, medicare and Mainecare are at risk, funding for QUIMBY (which my parents depend on) may be at risk.
- **The cost of employer provided health care is skyrocketing;** for example a company with upwards of 100 employees is now paying close to \$1000 a month in premiums per employee. Just a few years ago that was \$300-400... Maine's small and large business owners alike cannot afford this: any benefits gained by retaining employees by tying employment to health care are lost to skyrocketing costs.
- Maine's many self employed will have no recourse or ability to afford insurance if the ACA subsides are reduced or removed by Congress.
- **If Mainers en-mass can't afford health care, hospitals will close and health care will be unavailable in most of the State, even for the wealthy.** It will become dangerous to come to Maine on vacation, as emergency health care will be unavailable north of Portland: this will destroy our tourism economy.

It is the responsibility of the legislature to respond to these challenges. As Washington steps back, Augusta must step forward. You can't sit back and watch as Mainers lose their hospitals and health care coverage, and sicken and die as a result. **Joining Canada is not an option, and we don't need to- we just need you to accept responsibility for Mainers, and move these bills forward.**

Thank you for considering these bills, they are the only hope for many Mainers.

Sincerely,

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