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Health Care Repeal Efforts Disappointing to Consumer Group Big Business Undermining Health Coverage to 58,000 Mainers

Maine's largest consumer health organization is disappointed to learn an effort to take away health care for at least 58,000 Mainers may have been successful in its first step to making it onto the November Ballot. Consumers for Affordable Health Care (CAHC) is now in its third decade of working for Maine people to bring quality, affordable health care to all of us. Quality, affordable health care for all is something most Mainers say they want. The cost of health care is one of the number one concerns of most people asked. If successful, this repeal effort will affect health coverage for 18,000 Mainers covered by Dirigo and MaineCare **and** it will also take away the funding to make coverage more affordable for 40,000 other Mainers who buy their own health coverage.

Consumers for Affordable Health Care is a non-profit, non-partisan group. We're not going to make or lose money by supporting quality, affordable health care for all Mainers. We support it, because it's the right thing to do for Maine's hard-working families and businesses. We urge voters to ask themselves why out-of-state big business and bottling companies would invest hundreds of thousands of dollars toward repealing health care efforts for Maine people. It seems, these companies are putting their profits before Maine people.

When people get the health care they need, when they need it, everyone benefits. A few pennies are a reasonable solution to helping our kids and hardworking families of Maine get the health care they deserve. In these tough economic times, three cents on a beer, four cents on a soda, and seven cents on a bottle of wine seems reasonable to provide thousands of hard-working Maine families with health security. If you lose your job tomorrow, don't you want to know that there's another affordable option for health care for your family? Voting to change this law could ensure that affordable health care options won't be there for your family.

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