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Gov. LePage Turns His Back on Thousands of Mainers with Veto of Health Care Expansion

AUGUSTA – Gov. Paul LePage today vetoed bipartisan legislation that would have expanded access to health care for nearly 70,000 Mainers while also creating jobs and strengthening the state’s economy.

“This is a sad day for the people of Maine. Gov. LePage has chosen ideology over the well-being of nearly 70,000 Mainers who are counting on the state to do the right thing and expand access to health care,” said Sara Gagné-Holmes, executive director of Maine Equal Justice Partners and a leader of the Cover Maine Now! Coalition. “The governor had an opportunity to change the lives of thousands of people for the better with his signature. His refusal to do so means people will suffer needlessly unless the Maine Legislature makes the right decision. The Cover Maine Now! Coalition urges the Maine Legislature to override the veto and give 70,000 hardworking Mainers the health security they deserve.”

The Cover Maine Now! Coalition, which includes more than 90 organizations working together to promote accepting federal funds to expand access to health coverage for more Mainers, will continue to advocate for expanding access to health care.

For a full list of coalition members, visit: <http://www.covermainenow.com>

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