ACA – Business

Senator King has stated since the campaign that he supports the vision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) - to provide more people with affordable health care coverage. He has also been very clear that any law that is as expansive as the ACA will likely need some adjustments as it is rolled out and implemented.

To that end, Senator King co-sponsored legislation to assure that volunteer firefighters were not counted as employees in the ACA- which would have been impossible to fund for small Maine towns. He also signed a letter to the White House requesting that people who had lost their insurance and could not afford a regular plan on the Exchange, qualify for a catastrophic health plan and that has been implemented.

Senator King continues to be concerned about the administrative burdens placed on businesses as the law is implemented. To that end he joined several of his colleagues in a letter to Treasury Secretary Lew regarding the impact of the ACA on businesses; which reads in part….

> *…….The ACA provides many new opportunities and responsibilities for employers. However, as you make final regulations on the employer responsibility and information reporting provisions, we urge you to find the appropriate balance between sufficient reporting to enforce the law and protect privacy, while also minimizing the compliance burden on businesses. We also believe you should consider delaying the enforcement of the reporting requirements, especially for smaller-sized large businesses…….*

As he has travelled across the state he has asked small and large businesses as well as individuals what suggestions they had to smooth implementation of the program. Suggestions from your businesses are critical to this process. What is most helpful is if you can provide us with specific issues, situations and a proposed solution for the issue.

Whether it is a very small fix or large, a suggested change in statute or regulation; your suggestions will be appreciated.

Also, please let us know who to contact for additional information and a little bit about your business.

Contact: Name Phone Email

Business: Number of FT/ PT employees Seasonal Business or Year round?

Do you currently provide health insurance to your workers?

If yes, how long have you provided this benefit?

Please forward your information to Marge Kilkelly
at marge_kilkelly@king.senate.gov or 202-228-1467

Thanks so much, Marge K.