

JOBS FOR MIDCOAST MAINE!

Yes, but consider the elephant in the room:

The health benefit cost of a Canadian employee is **\$0**

The average cost of health benefit per U.S. employee this year

(2008) is projected to be **\$9,312**. (Towers Perrin Health Care Cost Survey)

Borne by an employer, this cost must be passed onto the consumer in the price of products, creating a choice between pricing competitively or making a profit.

No wonder there are **47 million uninsured**

Americans and 50 million more under-insured Americans! And fewer and fewer U. S. businesses offer health coverage.

U. S. health care costs per capita are \$7,498 (2007)

They were “**only**”**\$5,711** in 2003, when Australia’s were \$2,886, Austria’s \$2,958, Denmark’s \$2,743, France’s \$3,048, Germany’s 2,948, the Netherlands’ \$2,908, Cuba’s \$215 and **Canada’s \$2,998** (52% of those in the United States). (Kaiser Family Foundation)

Yet in all those countries health care coverage is universal.

THINK ABOUT IT: IF YOU HAD A PRODUCTION PLANT TO BUILD, WHERE WOULD YOU BUILT IT?

*Help is on the way: **H.R. 676**, a bill now being considered by a congressional committee would extend Medicare to all Americans, at a cost under what we now collectively pay for our marginal coverage.*

Download a fact sheet: http://www.house.gov/conyers/news_hr676_1.htm

Download the whole bill: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.R.676>:

Most importantly of all, call your U.S. Congressperson and Senator and tell them to vote **H.R. 676 (*The U.S. National Health Insurance Act*) into law.**