

Universal Health Care Education Fund

2006 Massachusetts Candidates' Questionnaire

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Dear Owen Broadhurst,

The Universal Health Care Education Fund (UHCEF) is distributing the following questionnaire to all candidates in Massachusetts, in order to better inform voters and civic organizations in the state about candidates' positions on health care policy. The survey includes four brief questions relevant to current health care debates, and an open-ended question in which candidates are encouraged to describe broadly their vision for health care reform. Answers may be as brief or as expansive as desired. UHCEF pledges to include any caveats or explanations added by candidates to their answers in conveying candidates' answers to the public.

Candidates may direct any questions regarding the survey to UHCEF's Boston offices at 617-723-7001 or uhcef@aol.com. Answers should be emailed or mailed in the enclosed return envelope by **October 20th** to UHCEF, 8 Beacon St. – Suite 26, Boston, MA 02108. Thank you for your response!

Question 1: Do you support individual mandates, which require that individuals or households above a certain income purchase health insurance?

No!

Question 2: Do you support single payer health care, which would create a single insurance pool for all residents?

Yes!

Question 3: Do you support making access to comprehensive health care for all residents a constitutional requirement?

Yes!

Question 4: Do you support regulating health insurance companies, such that a certain percentage of premium dollars must go towards health care (loss ratios)?

Yes!

Question 5: If elected, what priorities in health care reform would you pursue?

Single payer plan, Benefits for same-sex couples