



# Candidates for Oregon Governor



**Ted Kulongoski**

**Kevin Mannix**

## Affordable Health Care for Working Families

Supports extending health insurance to more working families. (Address at Northwest Oregon Labor Council picnic, 9/2/02)

Supports bulk purchasing to lower the cost of prescription drugs: *"We will fight drug profiteering by buying prescription drugs in bulk with other Northwest states."* (Address at Northwest Oregon Labor Council picnic, 9/2/02)

Voted to establish the Oregon Health Plan in 1989. (SB 27, 1989)

But voted to end the plan ten years later. (HB 2700, 1999)

Opposes any expansion of the program to cover more working families. He would restrict unemployed workers from utilizing OHP benefits they're currently entitled to.

(Oregon AFL-CIO questionnaire; *The Oregonian* 5/28/02)

## Holding Corporations Accountable

As Attorney General, helped to pass the first law in Oregon to impose stiff criminal penalties when corporate polluters dump toxic waste. (SB 112, 1993)

Voted to let corporate polluters off the hook allowing "independent" cleanups by corporations without regulatory oversight. (HB 3456, 1999)

## Compensation for Injured Workers

Helped to negotiate a package of reforms endorsed by management and labor that increased benefits to injured workers in exchange for tougher eligibility standards. (SB 1197, 1990)

Spearheaded legislation to bar workers who are denied benefits from suing their employers for compensation — a provision later overturned by the Oregon Supreme Court as unconstitutional. (SB 369, 1995)

## Minimum Wage

Supports Measure 25, which would raise the minimum wage to \$6.90 per hour and increase it for inflation: *"We will raise the minimum wage and wake up our friends in business to the economic good sense of paying a living wage."* (Address at Northwest Oregon Labor Council picnic, 9/2/02)

Opposed raising the minimum wage in June.

But changed his mind in September: *"I don't support the measure, (Measure 25) but I also don't oppose it."* (*The Oregonian*, 9/17/02)

## Defending Our Workplace Rights

Was one of the architects of the state law that extended collective bargaining rights to public employees.

Signed commitment to support workers' right to form unions and bargain collectively and agreed to challenge employers who interfere with that right. (Oregon AFL-CIO questionnaire)

Sidetracked legislation that would have extended unemployment benefits to locked out workers. (SB 336, 1989)

Declined to sign workers' right commitment and agreement to challenge employers who interfere with that right. (Oregon AFL-CIO questionnaire)

## Working Families Voting Record

Lifetime voting record in favor of working families: 96%

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