

# What is appropriate to discuss at the workplace?

## ***DO:***

- ★ Set a time for a meeting in a setting that is familiar and non-challenging.
- ★ Let employees know why it is important to talk to them about the elections and voting.
- ★ Inform them of the issues in Maine that affect the company and the viability of their jobs. Use AMF's materials to assist you.
- ★ Explain to them why you are interested in this election and why they should be as well.
- ★ Enlighten them on the poor economic environment in Maine—make it personal:
  1. Maine taxpayers pay among the highest taxes in the country.
  2. Maine companies are failing and relocating to other states.
  3. Maine's young people are emigrating out of state due to lack of quality jobs here.
  4. Maine is not attracting new business because of high taxes, high workers' comp costs, and its large and expensive state government.
  5. Maine's Legislature is unresponsive to business concerns and to creating economic opportunities.
  6. With fewer viable businesses in Maine, the increased tax burden has to be paid by those of us remaining.
  7. Since 1996, Maine's state spending has increased by more than 50%. Each year the Legislature increases spending, fees and taxes, but has million dollar deficits.
- ★ Talk about what impacts your business opportunities in Maine.
- ★ Tell them why it is so important to register and vote; that their opinions are not being heard.
- ★ Encourage them to look at the candidates voting records on economic matters. Provide them AMF's candidate information.
- ★ ***Urge them to vote on Election Day!***

## ***DON'T:***

- ★ Tell them who to vote for.