

# Boosting S ESOP Conversions Will Strengthen Our Economy



## S ESOPs Are A Win For American Workers



### Economic Growth

- S ESOP employment increased 37% since 2002, while nonfarm private employment increased 8%



### Long-Term Stability

- S ESOPs are more resilient during economic downturns, and outperformed U.S. private sector employment in 2008



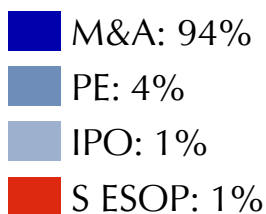
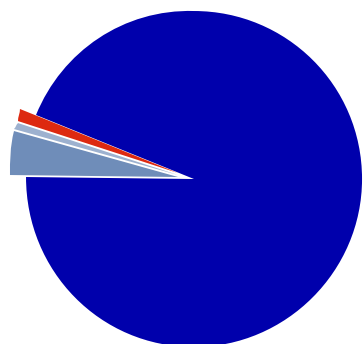
### Financial Security

- From 2002-2012, S ESOPs returned more annually to employee-owners than the S&P 500

## Yet, S ESOP Conversions Represent Only A Fraction Of All Exit Strategies

S ESOPs remain the least commonly pursued exit strategy, despite the many positive benefits for workers, businesses, and local communities.

### 2015 Business Deals



Mergers and acquisitions, private equity buyouts, and IPOs represented 99 percent of all business deals in 2015.

## Congress Can Provide Incentives To Boost Employee-Ownership

In the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, H.R. 2096 and S. 1212 garnered strong bipartisan support, with more than 130 co-sponsors in the House and Senate.

68%

Of Americans support employee ownership and a shared stake in success.