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## **Comments on Medicaid expansion**

1 message

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I work with and know many individuals who are working their way out of previous homelessness or other dire situations typical of low-income residents. I believe it is incumbent on society to not allow our neighbors to be denied health care coverage due to poverty. Expanding Medicaid coverage is the only moral and compassionate thing to do. It could keep such people from declaring bankruptcy and ending up homeless again because of one serious medical need.

Medicaid expansion would also create jobs at a time when we need more jobs to boost the economy. It costs society much less in the long run to help low-income residents reach the middle class than it does to cover the costs of keeping them in poverty. Please choose the right course of action by expanding Medicaid.

Thank you,

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