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PLEASE VOTE NO ON MEDICAID EXPANSION

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Please see attached PDF with my comments on the subject.

Respectfully,

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Medicaid expansion is a Trojan horse to get more people covered by a Federal health program. This is a necessary step in order to achieve the ultimate goal as stated by President Obama, Sen. Harry Reid, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and others, which would be the creation of a single payer, government controlled healthcare system. In other words: socialized medicine. (Like the healthcare system in use in Canada and Europe right now, *that is not working*.) We must keep our right to receive treatment from our doctors without the interference of Federal bureaucrats.

Unfortunately, achieving this goal of a single payer healthcare system will be at the expense of the patients that these individuals claim to be trying to help. Medicaid, as it currently exists, is a failed system. Each day, an increasing number of physicians (about 24%) are refusing to see patients on Medicaid. And, as businesses decide that the only way to survive the financial pressures on them caused by Obamacare is to lay off workers, or to cut their hours and make them part time employees, the Medicaid rolls will swell as these people lose their insurance coverage. All that the Medicaid card will do is to give an increasing number of patients, an opportunity to wait on an ever increasing line to receive care. A University of Virginia report reveals that Medicaid patients have worse health care outcomes and higher death rates than patients who have no health insurance coverage at all.

Also, Medicaid expansion is an unsustainable cost and a permanent debt to a federal government that cannot be trusted. What's going to happen when the funds they're offering as "bait" for a limited time, run out?

Additionally, there are harsh provisions in ObamaCare that give the Federal government complete control of our healthcare. It destroys the existing healthcare system we have always enjoyed (and which was always known as the best healthcare system in the world), takes 716 billion dollars out of Medicare (continuing the raid on Medicare that started back with Jimmy Carter – STOP it already!) and has the power to restrict and ration our medical treatment. It even creates an Independent Payment Advisory Board ("rationing board" aka "death panels") which, given the negative impact that the IPAB will have on seniors, is incomprehensible.

We should not endanger our state by depending on a federal government that doesn't even try to reduce its deficit. What we need to do is focus on improving our economy so less people will be dependent on Medicaid. No Medicaid expansion... No Obamacare.