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Governor Pat McCrory
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20301 Mail Service Center
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Re: Medicaid Expansion

Dear Gov. McCrory,

I believe you are governor because voters perceived you to have the best interest of North Carolinians at heart. Your TV ads sure presented you that way.

If you have the best interest of North Carolinians at heart, you will support Medicaid Expansion so that 500,000 of us who are 138% above the poverty line but still very poor will have health insurance. If you sign the bill on your desk denying NC expansion of medicaid, the rest of us will continue to pay the health expenses of these 500,000 citizens through increased premiums. That's one of the problems the Affordable Care Act was deigned to address.

Surely you have read the North Carolina Institute of Medicine's report Examining the Impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on North Carolina. <http://www.nciom.org/publications/> If not, do you really want to disregard their analysis? Is the NC legislature really that well informed on this issue that you should follow their lead? Don't you think the many other Republican governors who have signed on to the expansion of Medicaid for their states might know something the NC legislature fails to grasp?

Please show you care and have analyzed the facts. North Carolina will benefit from Medicaid Expansion and the facts prove it.

Sincerely,

Lonna Harkrader