

I write to strongly support the expansion of Medicaid in Kansas. I have been a resident and taxpayer for more than 30 years. I pay many thousands a year in federal taxes. I pay thousands a year in Kansas taxes.

My 30 year old son has epilepsy, which the State of Kansas does not recognize qualifies him for aid. His medication is expensive, he has accidents, he cannot drive, he is long unemployed, and health insurance was formerly unavailable. His coverage was recently cancelled because he could not read the forms properly to re-enroll. Yet he is an intelligent and perfect person.

If Kansas expanded Medicaid, health insurance would be subsidized under the Affordable Care act. Yet the State of Kansas has acted to prevent us from getting this benefit earned by my federal tax contributions.

As it stands an unemployed person pays much more than those employed, which is a doubly-cruel punishment for disability.

Kansans want to get their money back from a system to which they paid in. Politicians refusing to expand Medicaid cheat their own people out of benefits the people already paid for. I cannot imagine what kind of person would deny his people health care just because they have a racist dislike for the President of the United States. He will be gone soon enough. Those Kansas politicians acting wrongly will be voted out, once people discover the dirty actions.

Yet more years and years of waste, harm, and needless death will be the outcome of a political strategy. It is not just a passive decision. Withholding benefits is an act of hate.

Imagine meeting the Creator, if there is one, and saying, "I succeeded in gravely harming a million people, because I had the power to do it".

John Ralston