

Kansans For Liberty



Committee Members

This testimony is in opposition to HB 2319 Expansion of Medicaid.

Please reject HB 2319

I ask the members of this committee to reject HB 2319. It is the responsibility of elected officials such as yourselves to not only represent the wants and desires of your constituents but to also represent their needs.

On the surface it might appear that the expansion of Medicaid would suit the needs of some of your constituents. But in truth we at Kansans 4 Liberty believe it would be a detriment to both society and the 150,000 individuals to expand it to.

The last thing we need in Kansas is to expand this program and "teach" another 150,000 fellow Kansans how to "work the system". To teach them, "If I stay below a certain income level I will get these benefits".

Even back to the early Tribal Councils before there were organized governments it has always been the responsibility of "elected" members to take in to account the overall needs of the tribe (state) and balance that with the "current" and "long term" needs of individual members.

I do not believe these member's needs should be over looked or ignored. Currently in the Kansas legislature there is a bill that supports "direct Primary Care" The savings created by the Direct Primary care inside the current KanCare system would allow enough savings that all of the people that need help could get it.

In addition we could eliminate the "185% of income" feature and just limit it to a 2-year program.

I would like to try to supply solutions as well as opposition I hope this helps.

Thank You

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