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I am a supporter of Medicaid Expansion here in the State of Missouri. My family and friends voted in favor of health coverage for all people. Please STOP trying to insult our intelligence. LET THE PEOPLE'S VOICE BE HEARD!!! We VOTED for MEDICAID EXPANSION, now due your legislative jobs and take care of the people in MISSOURI!!! We want MEDICAID EXPANSION, STOP undermining the WILL of the PEOPLE!Angela M. Hawkins



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Please keep Medicaid fully expanded in the state of Missouri. When the state of Louisiana expanded Medicaid, they were able to detect 800 new cases of breast cancer in Louisiana women. Help make Missouri healthier by allowing more people easier healthcare access. Navigating healthcare without health insurance is very challenging and there are limits to the kinds of charity care that a person can receive. Medicaid also keeps charity care organizations afloat financially. Please expand Medicaid coverage so that more people, especially adults can get covered for as long as they qualify. Hopefully, most Missourians that qualify for Medicaid will only need it until they get back on their feet financially.



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Medicaid Expansion in the State of Missouri is one of the most vital programs available for families who are on incomes less than adequate. These families are struggling and need the best medical care possible and Medicaid Expansion will provide them this opportunity. Th State of Missouri now has the opportunity to provide the kind of medical care these families require since the citizens of the state voted to expand this care by a 53% margin. Legislators should not be standing in the way of providing this medical care to the underprivileged but instead support every effort possible to see that the best care possible is provided to our poorest citizens. Anything less than full support for our neediest families in the State of Missouri is completely unacceptable. Legislators need to get out of the way and ensure that Missouri's poorest families get all the medical support possible through Medicaid Expansion.



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The people have voted and spoken. Please do not waste time bringing it again to a vote. People's health are depending on this.



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Why does the Missouri legislature consistently try to undo every stride we make in protecting our own citizens? This shouldn't even be a question. Stop messing around with what the people have approved and for God's sake, please don't do anything that would jeopardize Medicaid. It's there for a reason and people need it.



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A bipartisan majority of Missouri voters passed Medicaid expansion of the ACA in 2020. This bill will subvert the will of the voters by allowing the General Assembly to stop expansion by simply not funding it. Stop trying to undo what the voters have already said that they wanted.



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January 19, 2022 To: Rep. Cody Smith, Chairman, and Members House Committee on
 Budget From: Allyn Harris Dault, Chair Legislative Team, Metropolitan
 Congregations United From Christian scripture, Gospel of Luke, chapter 10 – On one occasion an
 expert in the law (a legislator, perhaps?) stood up to test Jesus. The expert tells Jesus what he has
 learned since childhood. The way to inherit eternal life is to “‘Love the Lord your God with all your
 heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor
 as yourself.’” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus
 replies with a story of a man who fell among thieves, more commonly known as “The Good Samaritan.”
 For centuries, this parable has offered us guidance in measuring our neighborliness. Missourians of all
 genders, races, and places are people who respond generously when our neighbors ask for our help.
 Sometimes that means we deliver a casserole or a banana pudding to a family with a newborn.
 Sometimes we loan a tool from our garages or closets. Sometimes we listen carefully to the problems
 someone confides in us. Our neighbors across Missouri had a problem meeting their healthcare needs.
 They asked us to help them attain the freedom that comes from affordable healthcare. Across the state
 we responded by collecting signatures to get the issue on the ballot, since the General Assembly had
 refused to respond to their cries for years. After our signature collection reached the necessary
 threshold, we went to the polls to vote, and more than 53 percent voted to close the coverage gap so
 that our neighbors who earned more than \$5500 annually for a family of four could afford health
 insurance. Yet some legislators now publicly label our generosity and care as ignorance - or worse. As
 a person who collected signatures in a faith-based organization that collected signatures, I can assure
 you that we knew exactly what we were doing. We set out to care for our neighbors. We believed – and
 still believe - that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. We know that when someone
 receives an expensive medical bill there is greater freedom found in shared compassionate policy than
 in a desperate GoFundMe account. We stand with those of every faith and creed in support of fully
 funding Amendment 2 (2020) which simply makes an affordable health insurance option available to
 our neighbors who work for low wages. We agree with the biblical expert in the law who told Jesus that
 “the one who showed him mercy” was the one who loved his neighbor in the parable. And we believe
 Jesus’s words remain relevant to us now. “Go and do likewise.” To be a caring neighbor, vote no on
 HJR 117.



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Medicaid is a benefit to the disabled who cannot work. It is a benefit to children who do not work. Medicaid prevents death to Missourians who require healthcare. To anyone who opposes this vital program, perhaps a karmic twist of fate will make them realize the error of their way.



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I absolutely oppose this bill. I have already voted for Medicaid expansion as did the majority. Uphold the democratic process and proceed with Medicaid expansion as even the courts have decreed you must.



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January 19, 2022 Representative Smith, Chair Human Services Committee Re: HJR 117 Opponent Chair Smith and Committee Members: Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HJR 117, Medicaid Eligibility and Requirements, and how it affects those who live with multiple sclerosis (MS) and caregivers. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society's vision is a world free of MS. We believe that people affected by MS can live their best lives as we stop MS in its tracks, restore what has been lost and end MS forever. MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and the body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are leading to better understanding and moving us closer to a world free of MS. Nearly 1 million people are living with MS in the United States, according to a study funded by the National MS Society. It is critical for Missourians living with MS that funding for the expanded population is maintained in channels that are not subject to change every year. When individuals have access to consistent and adequate coverage, they are more likely to seek treatment early, get the treatment they need, and avoid trips to the emergency rooms or expensive stays in rehab facilities that end up costing the state much more. States that have expanded Medicaid have reported lower out-of-pocket spending, a decline in hospital admission, increased medication adherence, and improved health outcomes. Funded Medicaid for the expanded population will also help to narrow health disparities, as Medicaid expansion has been associated with better health outcomes for Black and Hispanic/Latinx individuals, who represent 60% of uninsured adults. We are also concerned that the current exemption criteria for work requirements in this legislation may not capture all patients with (or at risk of) serious and chronic health conditions that prevent them from meeting work requirements, or the caregivers who help these patients manage their conditions. Even for those who do meet the exemption standards, they still face a burden of proof that may be cumbersome, complex, and difficult to navigate. Individuals living with MS may face physical or cognitive symptoms that make following multifaceted procedures more challenging than it would be for others. This is a burden that means someone living with MS or an MS caregiver may be unable to focus on their health or the health of their family. MS is typically diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, when most are raising families, advancing careers and maximizing their earnings, yet many must scale back their work and life activities due to disease progression. Studies show that only 40% are in the workforce ten years after their diagnosis, leading to many losing access to their employer-based insurance. If someone fails to meet any of these work requirements, they are at risk of losing coverage. For many, including those living with MS, this could potentially lead to negative health effects. The financial impact of living with MS is high. In 2013, the average price of MS disease modifying therapies (DMTs; medications used in treating the symptoms and progression of the

disease) was around \$60,000; in 2018 the median price of brand DMTs increased to \$80,000 and in 2021, the brand median price is \$93,672. Five MS DMTs are priced at more than \$100,000 per year. In addition to the cost of medications, people with MS can require costly visits to the doctor, hospital, or specialists. To lose coverage in the middle of treatment would have a disastrous effect on an individual's physical and emotional health, as well as their financial well-being. The vast majority of individuals with Medicaid coverage who can work do so. Nearly 8 in 10 non-disabled adults with coverage live in working families and nearly 60 percent are working themselves. Of those not working, more than one-third reported that illness or a disability was the primary reason, 28 percent reported that they were taking care of home or family, and 18 percent were in school. CMS has recently blocked work requirements in Georgia, and will likely do so again if this is passed in Missouri. This type of legislation runs contrary to the core mission of Medicaid, which is to provide health coverage to low-income people so that they can get the health care services they need. The National MS Society urges this committee not to move forward with HJR 117. The state of Missouri and this legislative body has an obligation to uphold the will of the people in expanding Medicaid permanently, and to assist and protect its residents, including those living with MS. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Anna Meyer, Manager of Advocacy, at email or 314-446-4156.



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You should be ashamed for trying to add barriers for our state's most vulnerable populations to access healthcare. The people have spoken already. Missourians support Medicaid expansion and so should you. Quit trying to punish people for being poor and quit trying to paint low-income individuals and families as cheats. Have respect for the citizens you are supposed to serve. Medicaid expansion will benefit all Missourians by ensuring a greater number of children, families, and adults in our communities stay well, reducing the strain on emergency care, and reducing overall healthcare costs by affording people access to preventive and annual care so they don't feel they can only access healthcare when they are exceedingly ill, when care is likely to cost much more and recovery likely to take much longer, keeping them out of work and/or school and exacerbating their learning and earning disadvantages.



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This Legislation NEEDS Much More Additional Research, Discussion and Debate!			



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I was one of the plaintiffs that fought this all the way to the Missouri State Supreme Court. I oppose this bill due to the fact that it will take away from our people. They have the right to have medical coverage. Its down right ridiculous that you all think you have the right to say how that money is spent. People are dying and not just from the Covid but from other health related issues that could be prevented. But you all don't care. You all don't see that so many individuals have to wait for appointments to get any tests completed because Medicaid has to approve of the procedures before hand. We the people fought for this expansion and you all are destroying everything we have worked towards. Stop being greedy and help the needy.



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We have voted and passed this for expanded Medicaid. Please leave it alone. Go forward with the expansion.



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We the people of the state of Missouri have already voted IN FAVOR OF Medicaid expansion. We do not need to continue voting on it. Many of us are informed, educated voters and we knew what we were voting for the first time. I implore you to respect the will of the people.



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Vehemently opposed to HJR117, legislation designed to overturn the will of Missouri voters.



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I am a resident of Missouri and a student at SLU Law. I oppose HJR117 and its work requirement. HJR117 seeks to make Medicaid service funding subject to appropriations. Preventive and family planning services are covered by Medicaid. This coverage ultimately saves the average taxpayer money and saves healthcare institutions valuable resources. This is because overall utilization throughout a person's life decreases with more preventive care. I am concerned that subjecting funds to appropriation will disadvantage family planning services. It is imperative that these services, like comprehensive sexual education and contraception, are available, not only for women's health but also for the benefit of our community. When people are forced to have children they do not want or cannot care for the financial, social, and physical burdens can be enormous. I urge the Missouri House of Representatives to quash this resolution .



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I am a nurse working with individuals with diabetes - from pregnant women to older adults. When these individuals cannot afford medical visits, medications, they develop serious health complications, that ultimately lead to requirements for hospital care that is far more costly than paying for routine care.



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I support Medicare expansion. This bill undermines support for Medicare expansion that has already been approved by my Missouri voters.



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Dear Members of the Missouri State House of Representatives, I am writing to ask that you vote to oppose HJR 117 on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. In August of 2020, Missouri residents voted to pass Missouri Amendment 2, the Medicaid Expansion Initiative. Through this vote Missourians agreed to the following: • expanding Medicaid eligibility in Missouri to adults that are 19 years old or older and younger than 65 whose income is 133% of the federal poverty level or below, which would effectively expand Medicaid to those with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level under the Affordable Care Act;• prohibiting any additional restrictions or requirements for the expanded population to qualify for Medicaid coverage than for other populations that qualify for Medicaid coverage; and• requiring the state to seek maximum federal funding of Medicaid expansion. Today, as you consider a bill that will undo what 53% of Missouri voters approved in 2020, and what Missouri’s Supreme Court has mandated the legislature and the state to do, please consider the following things: • More than 50,000 Missourians are accessing health care because of Medicaid expansion; almost 70,000 Missourians with Medicaid applications pending; and over 100,000 more Missourians who now qualify for Medicaid because of the approved amendment in 2020. •

Deciding the fate of Medicaid on a year-to-year basis puts the health care of Missourians at risk by making their coverage vulnerable to cuts or no funding at all. • Missouri voters have already said what they want, and this proposal outright ignores the will of the voters. • Studies show that work requirements cost states and taxpayers more money. In a 2018 Washington University policy brief titled "Weighing the Cost Savings of Medicaid Work Requirements in a Non-Expansion State," researchers found that it cost the state of Indiana \$90 per enrollee per month (or \$1,080 per year) to ensure that Medicaid enrollees fulfill their work requirement. • Work requirements lead to people losing health care they otherwise qualify for because of the excessive paperwork and reporting requirements. • Punishing people who have lost a job by taking away their health care will only make them sicker and less able to work in the future. The people who will be most impacted by changes included in the Medicaid Expansion Amendment presented in HJR 117 are people in the communities that you serve. Fellow Missourians who trust that you'll do what's right to protect them. Remember them as you cast your vote today. Thank you!



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We began the fight to expand Medicaid in Missouri in 2013. Year after year, we worked with legislators to make it happen, and each time, it failed. Finally, knowing the demand and need for expansion, a dedicated group of Missourians came together to put the decision in the hands of the people through a ballot initiative. In August 2020, Medicaid expansion received a majority vote and became law of the land. All of this was confirmed last summer when Medicaid expansion reached the Missouri Supreme Court and was ruled constitutional. It is the responsibility of our state legislators to listen to its constituents and support the laws that we have deemed necessary to lead our best lives. The advancement of HJR 117 does the exact opposite. This bill, if passed, would ask Missourians to essentially overturn what they voted for and what Missouri’s Supreme Court has mandated the legislature to do: implement and fund Medicaid expansion. It is no secret that a large majority in the General Assembly do not want to appropriate funds for Medicaid services. That means that HJR 117 jeopardizes Missourians’ access to health care by leaving its funding in the hands of not those who need Medicaid but those who believe Medicaid shouldn’t be an option. At best, HJR 117 would eliminate stability and peace of mind for beneficiaries whose coverage would be at risk of major cuts each year. Additionally, imposing work requirements also leads to people losing health care. Work requirements are supposed to encourage those on Medicaid to find employment and save the state money over time. However, the fact is that work requirements cost taxpayers more money, leave more people uninsured, and do not increase employment rates. And after years of many attempts to implement this policy in states across the country, we have the data to prove that work requirements hurt far more than they could help. When our neighbor, Arkansas, implemented work requirements, more than 18,000 people lost health insurance. And this was not because they were not working or not doing what they were supposed to do. It was because the reporting requirements were overwhelming and difficult to complete. On top of that, a Harvard study found that Arkansas’ work requirements program increased uninsured rates without increasing employment rates. We know what the outcome of HJR 117’s passage would be. Missourians would lose the health coverage they need — regardless of whether they are working or not. Medicaid is a life-saving program that over one million Missourians count on every day. Missouri Health Care for All is strongly opposed to the advancement of HJR 117, and we strongly urge the committee to join us in opposing this legislation.



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We the people said "expand medicaid". We did not say underfund it, attached requirements to it or drag it out. Expand Medicaid - Fund Medicaid now and stop obstructing the "will of the people".



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Chairman Smith, Ranking Member Merideth, and members of the House Budget Committee, The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) appreciates the opportunity to submit virtual testimony on HJR 117. NORD is a unique federation of non-profits and health organizations dedicated to helping the estimated one-in-ten Americans living with a rare disease. We believe that patients should have access to quality, accessible, and affordable health coverage that is best suited to their medical needs. Unfortunately, this joint resolution would make significant changes to the MO HealthNet program that would cause harm to the patients that we represent. Medicaid coverage often serves as a lifeline to rare disease patients, who may find their lives upended by the debilitating nature of their diseases. According to the NORD's recent 30-Year Barriers to Access Survey, 76% of rare disease patients report some or great financial burden and 62% of adults have had to miss work because of their rare disease. For all patients with a rare condition, the Medicaid program provides assurance that if their disease increases in severity and they are unable to work, they will still be able to access necessary treatment. This aspect of the Medicaid program is especially vital during difficult economic times. A work requirement for patients with Medicaid coverage like that proposed by HJR 117 is unnecessary, inefficient, expensive to implement, and burdensome for patients. Failing to navigate confusing administrative requirements could have serious – even life or death – consequences for people with serious, acute and chronic diseases. NORD is also concerned that the exemption criteria specified within HJR 117 may not capture all individuals with, or at risk of, serious and rare health conditions that prevent them from working. While some rare disease patients are able to maintain regular employment, the ability of other rare disease patients to work continuously fluctuates as a result of their disorder, which could jeopardize their Medicaid coverage under this proposal. Regardless, even exempt enrollees may have to report their exemption, creating opportunities for administrative error that could jeopardize their coverage. In Arkansas, a state which briefly implemented a Medicaid work requirement, many individuals were unaware of the new requirements and therefore unaware that they needed to apply for such an exemption. No exemption criteria can circumvent this problem and the serious risk to the health of the people we represent. Administering these requirements would also be expensive for the Missouri government, and thus voters. States such as Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia have estimated that setting up the administrative systems to track and verify exemptions and work activities would cost tens of millions of dollars. This would divert federal resources from MO HealthNet's core goal – providing health coverage to those without access to care. The evidence is clear that most people on Medicaid who can work already do so, and those who are unable to work often have physical or mental health conditions that interfere with their ability to work. Evaluations of Arkansas's waiver demonstrate that it did not lead to increased employment among the Medicaid population. In contrast, continuous Medicaid coverage can actually help people

find and sustain employment. For example, a report examining Medicaid expansion in Ohio found that the majority of enrollees reported that being enrolled in Medicaid made it easier to work or look for work (83.5 percent and 60 percent, respectively). Terminating individuals' Medicaid coverage for non-compliance with work requirements will hurt rather than help people search for and obtain employment. NORD is deeply concerned about the negative impact that this resolution, if passed and implemented, would have on patients with rare disorders in Missouri. We urge the members of this Committee not to advance HJR 117, and to instead support full funding for Medicaid expansion and MO HealthNet in the upcoming budget. Thank you for your time.



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This bill seeks to nullify the will of the voters who voted to expand Medicaid. It is a moral duty to help others obtain needed care. As a practical matter it is a conservative value. There is a tremendous cost saving to the public when people have access to preventative care and appropriate treatment. We all pay for care of the uninsured which becomes much more expensive when the uninsured only get care at the emergency room or hospital when they become severely ill with illnesses that could have been minimized if treated earlier.



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I spent weeks gathering signatures to place the current legislation on the ballot. In a vote of overwhelming support MO voters approved the current legislation. Now a new slick approach is being attempted to force a change. SHAME!!



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Committee Members, Please stop working so hard to harm human beings. Stop it now, right here. Listen to the will of the people. Stop working to circumvent anything that has been approved by the people. Stop attempting to means test the basic human right to healthcare. Healthcare is a right. It doesn't matter who you are or what your work status is human beings have a right to access to consistent, ongoing, appropriate care at the provider of their choice. When you bring up bills that attempt to categorize those who "deserve" to live and those who do not you make it clear that you have no "family values". Stop this nonsense now. Let this bill die in committee.



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We voters have already demanded of our elected officials, by referendum, to proceed with Medicaid expansion. Please, do so without further delay! One of the things I love about the electorate of Missouri is that we are not monolithic. I recognize that it is difficult to believe that a state so conservative in matters such as abortion prevention, gun ownership, and capital punishment might also be supportive of workers' rights and poor people's entitlements. But we are. Stop delaying, and comply with the will of the people! Vote down this bill.



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The people of Missouri have voted for Medicaid expansion. Please respect the right of voters and quit trying to stop Medicaid expansion because of political reasons.



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Please do not consider legislation that would overturn Medicaid expansion Missouri. The residents of this state overwhelmingly voted for this. Our residents need Medicaid.



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We have voted to expand Medicaid and we have done so without the numerous obstacles You continue to place in the way. Fund the program and allow Missouri to receive the Federal matching money we are entitled to as a state. Please support the health of our Missouri citizens.



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Again, It's simply asinine to put "work requirements" on Medicaid, which is basically healthcare coverage for disabled people and children who cannot work. How ignorant and abusive the GOP are to erase the dignity of people when we all have a right to basic healthcare.



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The Missouri legislature failed to act for 10 years to expand Medicaid. The voters of our state acted. We like what we passed stop trying to complicate it and mess it up by adding pages and pages of bureaucratic nonsense. Respect our vote. The people of this state need health care not paper work. Work requirements waste time and money ask Arkansas.



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The people spoke; Missouri will receive a large sum of money to fund the expansion. Why does the legislature want a "do-over" just because they do not to implement the will of the voters.



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The voters spoke and approved Medicaid expansion for Missouri and yet here we are AGAIN, seeing our legislators trying to undo the will of the voters. Just stop it. We have people in Missouri who need this coverage to live for heaven's sake and you are trying to set requirements that will only put people's health and life in jeopardy. Oversight of "work requirements" have proven costly and ineffective when tried in other states and are NOT necessary. This bill sends a message that people are lazy and are always looking for a handout. That is not true. In addition, setting up a system that will require legislator approval every to the "fund or not to fund" will, again, put people's health in jeopardy. Just learn to accept the will of YOUR voters and leave this alone.



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I vehemently oppose HJR 117. There is no need nor reason to have Missouri citizens vote again to pass Medicaid eligibility. We voted on and passed Medicaid expansion once. It is your responsibility to carry out the voters' wishes



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Damaging Medicaid expansion by making eligibility harder is just wrong. Work requirements have not been accepted in any other state, and should not be acceptable here in Missouri. Republican-led efforts to reduce the expansion of Medicaid are mean-spirited at best and most probably illegal at the federal level. This bill should be withdrawn.



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As you well know, our state voted in favor of expanded Medicaid, and it did NOT include a work requirement. Elected officials need to respect and implement the will of the people in a democratic society, so this bill is inappropriate. Let's help workers and their families stay healthy so they are better able to go to work and be productive members of our community.



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My name is Ellen Broglio. I am from Joplin, MO, and I am submitting testimony in opposition to Rep. Cody Smith's HJR 117. If Rep. Smith's HJR 117 passes and in the future the Missouri Legislature chooses not to fund expanded Medicaid, people newly insured through Medicaid Expansion will lose their health insurance. Missourians falling into the no-healthcare abyss does not serve the state of Missouri. Taking away Missourians' health insurance is cruel. Many people who would be affected are unable to work because of health issues. Without proper health care, these people have no hope of ever returning to the workforce, and they will become a bigger burden on the state of Missouri either by becoming more disabled or by dying. Either situation leaves their survivors even more vulnerable. With proper health care, people who have become too unhealthy to work might become healthy workers again. I would pose the question: Why would our legislature oppose a healthier, stronger potential workforce? The Missouri Supreme Court has already said that Amendment 2 made it clear that the expansion population is now part of our state's Medicaid population, so any funding to Medicaid should also be used to fund those who became eligible through expansion. Therefore, for the legislature to try to separate out the expansion population, as the law currently stands, is illegal. If what the Missouri Supreme Court rules is not enough for Rep. Smith and like-minded legislators, let's quote Jesus who said that as we do to the least of us, we do to Him. In other words, if we don't take care of the vulnerable, our choice runs counter to Christian teachings. Asking that the expanded portion of Medicaid be subjected to different rules than the rest of Medicaid recipients – or choosing not to give them Medicaid at all - puts the newly enrolled at risk of losing their health care coverage, and, thus, their health, and, possibly, their lives. Good citizens believe that societies are measured by how they take care of their vulnerable populations. Rep. Smith's bill throws away the vulnerable. Furthermore, work requirements do not save taxpayer dollars, as demonstrated by failed work requirements in Arkansas that left that state strapped with even more medical debt, while erroneously kicking 16,000 Arkansans off of Medicaid – only 1,232 of which were found to be out of compliance with the work requirements. They, too, were saddled with debt – medical debt – from being uninsured, a direct result of these absurd work requirements. <https://katv.com/news/local/harvard-study-arkansas-medicaid-requirements-harmful-and-useless>
<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2020.00538> Work requirements are simply onerous, because many people who benefit from Medicaid Expansion are either already working or cannot work simply because of their health issues. And for those who are able to meet the work requirements, reporting that information is an additional burden that increases the chance that they will be erroneously dropped from the Medicaid rolls – something Missouri is no stranger to doing. Missourians have spoken by voting Medicaid Expansion into law. Rep. Smith's bill undermines the will of the people. We vote for our legislators to represent us, and we have spoken by voting for Medicaid Expansion. It's disrespectful for our elected officials to attempt to undo what we have done with our

vote, and frankly, we are tired of it. Now is the time to act to carry out the will of the majority, not to attempt to thwart, override, or silence it. I implore you legislators to do the right thing: Vote NO on Rep. Smith's HJR 117.



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I do not understand why you all insist on making it so hard for people to access affordable healthcare. A healthy populace is good for of Missouri. Healthy people are able to work and contribute. But you all just keep on hitting people while they're down, making it harder and harder for them to heal and live better lives. Please, this work requirement is cruel and shows that you blame poor people for their poverty and fail to recognize society's complicity in trapping people in poverty. Do better.



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The Missouri voters have already approved Medicaid expansion. This helps low-income Missourians, especially in the continuing pandemic, and health care providers. The whole state benefits socially, emotionally, and economically from having more citizens who can access preventative health care and treatment for illnesses.



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Hello, to whom it may regard, I am a second-year J.D./M.H.A. student at Saint Louis University. I am currently enrolled in a trial and advocacy class that manages a Medicaid Expansion hotline. This hotline serves primarily to fill out applications online for those who need assistance. While I feel it is an immense privilege to be doing the work I am doing, it is only possible with Medicaid expansion intact. This bill could effectively restrict access to health care through work requirements and through its appropriations provision. I urge you now to consider how coverage would be undermined if a Bill such as this one becomes law. Please do not let thousands go without services because of a lack of appropriation in any given year. Thank you.



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This amendment would make Medicaid expansion funding subject to appropriation - basically overturning last summer's Supreme Court ruling requiring Missouri to expand Medicaid. The amendment would also make Medicaid expansion population subject to work requirements. No state has implemented work requirements and the Biden administration has denied states' applications to implement work requirements. (The constitutional requirements in the bill that subject Medicaid recipients to work requirements are not made subject to Federal approval.)



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As a Missouri voter and member of an organization that worked to expand Medicaid, I believe it is a disgrace that legislators are attempting to place Medicaid expansion back on the ballot (plus add work requirements and other stipulations). The people of this state have spoken. Stop undermining the people's will -- that is an affront to democracy. Vote down HJR 117.



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The bill ignores the will of the people and jeopardizes healthcare for the 50,000 Missourians now receiving benefits from Medicaid expansion, the 70,000 with applications pending, and the 100,000 who are eligible,



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The citizens of Missouri have already made themselves heard regarding the need to expand Medicaid to our needy citizens. Subjecting this approved expansion to appropriations is cruel and undemocratic. Adding a "work requirement" is an unnecessary and burdensome requirement on deserving Medicaid recipients. I keep wondering when the majority in the Missouri legislature is going to develop some compassion and COURAGE to do the right things for ALL citizen.



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Implementing work requirements for Medicaid expansion is the wrong thing for Missouri. It is costly, an administrative burden, and makes life more difficult for hard-working recipients. So many of our clients who would be eligible for health coverage under Medicaid expansion are already working or trying to work. The extra hurdle of complying with work requirements is unnecessary and places further stress on the state system, the cost of which is not eligible for full federal reimbursement. In fact, implementing work requirements would cost \$216 million annually JUST for training and would be paid with general revenue tax dollars. States that have done this before have not shown it leads to more Medicaid recipients working, because most of them already are. Individuals and families in our communities deserve to receive adequate health coverage that was voted into law by Missouri voters. It is their constitutional right.



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This bill is against the will of the people. Health care for all will benefit all of us. I am in direct opposition to this bill.



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Medicaid expansion was voted on and it passed, and represents the will of your constituents in this state. To deny health care to those in need is cruel and short sighted. Especially in these times of widespread contagion, would you want your loved ones to be unable to access medical care?



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The voters of MO have voted to expand Medicaid in MO. Respect the voice of the people and cease any efforts to undermine the intent of the law which is to provide minimum health care to MO citizens.



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This is just another attempt by the General Assembly to go against the will of the people. Missouri voters approved Medicaid expansion WITHOUT work requirements. Medicaid expansion is written into the constitution and, according to the Missouri Supreme Court, it was lawfully voted on and the General Assembly must fund it. This would allow the General Assembly to subvert the will of the voters once again. Representative Smith was one of the architects, from the beginning, to deny vital medical care to Missourians after voters approved expansion. The Missouri General Assembly needs to STOP trying to nullify the will of Missouri voters.



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Missouri is one of the worst states in the country in supporting healthcare, ranking last in per capita investment in the state public health budget. The national median is \$33.50 per person, but Missouri spends a paltry \$6. Expansion of Medicaid enables the state to substantially improve this. In my volunteer work with people who were released from prison on parole, I've been appalled and frustrated with the eligibility requirements for people near the poverty level to get access to any kind of healthcare in Missouri. Few people besides pregnant women, the elderly or the disabled are approved for Health Net or other programs. This leads to many citizens being unable to afford doctor visits, preventative care or worse-needed procedures and medications. People trying to build new lives after prison who become tax-paying and lawful citizens have enough stacked against them without adding a lack of access to affordable healthcare. One illness or accident would financially ruin them, not to mention the fact that healthcare is notoriously poor in prisons, and many ex-offenders have chronic illnesses and other issues when they leave. Making healthcare available to more low wage earners like many parolees would also be a boon to combatting recidivism. As a co-worker at a major hospital based in St Louis with rural locations through much of Missouri, I've seen the impact of caring for those without insurance and the financial challenges rural and independent hospitals face. Providing more people with insurance will not only enable more people to get the care they need, it will help hospitals stay financially solvent and rural and independent hospitals to stay open. Expansion of Medicaid may seem expensive for Missouri, but the gains it provides through the federal government's 90% contribution is more than worth the investment. It helps over 260,000 Missourians afford the healthcare they need. And since it was approved by the voters, it's in our state constitution now. Overturning this is not only unethical, it may not even be legal.



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As the mother of a special needs child, Medicaid expansion is CRUCIAL to me. I JUST got into a GI doctor and am finally beginning treatment. 8 years ago I lost my job (and insurance) due to a chronic illness. Without Medicaid I will lose this treatment. My daughter is not yet 3 and is autistic. Please, remember we are REAL people. My husband is 5th generation small business owner, we cannot afford coverage. He works 80 hours a week to keep this essential service open. Please don't take away the peace of mind we JUST got. Please listen to the voters of Missouri and LEAVE MEDICAID EXPANSION ALONE!



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Many are on Medicaid because they cannot work. Many need home care. Some using Medicaid cannot pay for childcare. Some on Medicaid are disabled. Many veterans have mental or other health issues. You use veterans when campaigning. Now, help them. Why do you consistently go after benefits for the poor and give foreign corporations the keys to the state? How many Covid loans went to the wealthy? Wealthy Missourians and their donors have no trouble getting federal money. Honor Missouri's commitment for Medicaid.



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I beg you to respect the will of Missouri voters and the ruling of the Supreme Court and allow the deserving citizens of the State of Missouri access to the Medicaid health care to which they are legally -- and morally -- entitled, without all the conditions and qualifiers that this amendment proposes.



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The voters in Missouri voted to expand Medicaid once. We don't need to vote on it again. Government trying to undermine the will of the people.



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Providing access to medical insurance that offers sufficient coverage for medications as well as the opportunity for preventative screenings is a fiscally responsible, proactive approach to caring for our citizens. Medicaid Expansion has nothing to do with an individual's work ethic!! Rather it lifts up those who sometimes work 2-3 jobs that often provide only sub-par insurance benefits so that they can receive good healthcare. Not everyone employer provides an excellent benefit package.



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The people spoke and we decided Medicaid expansion should be fully funded.



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We approved Medicaid Expansion, as written. There has been ample opportunity to discuss this. Instead, a small contingency of theocrats wanted to outlaw birth control with it. Enough is enough. Allocate the money as the people of Missouri have instructed you to do.



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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Jennifer Bernstein, and I am submitting this testimony in opposition of HJR 117 on behalf of the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL). NCJWSTL is a non-profit organization in metropolitan St. Louis, representing over 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state. We focus our work on community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children and families while supporting individual and civil rights, and have been doing so since 1895. HJR 117 would require some parents and other non-elderly adults to meet work reporting requirements to be eligible for Medicaid. This could cost Missouri more than \$215 million a year in state general revenue to implement. Evidence from other states shows that these types of requirements increase administrative burdens and create significant costs associated with new tracking mechanisms and the implementation of federally required work supports like job training, childcare and transportation. In addition, work requirements in Medicaid are not necessary. Most adult Medicaid enrollees who can work, do. Nearly 60% are working and three quarters live in a family with at least one full- or part-time worker. Studies show that work requirements have little to no positive impact on long-term employment. Finally, many long-term unemployed Americans face barriers to finding a job that a work requirement does not address, such as time out of the workforce because of childcare or other responsibilities, lack of skills, lack of connections to conduct a job search, or a criminal record. The legislature should be focusing on proactive measures, rather than punitive ones. NCJWSTL encourages you to vote no on HJR 117.



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I know several people who benefit from Medicaid expansion and you know what--they all work! Let go of this false narrative that people who qualify for and would use Medicaid are lazy grifters. There are a lot of self-employed individuals and people who work for small businesses who would benefit from having access to healthcare through Medicaid. The voters have spoken, the courts have spoken, and yet the legislators in this state still want to pat us on the head and say they know better. Fully fund it as we expect you to do.



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Missouri voters and our Supreme Court have mandated that you implement and fund Medicaid expansion. Listen to voters! Don't put the care of our citizens at risk with these foolish attempts to challenge the funding. And work requirements have been proven time and again to be inefficient, costly, and disruptive; there is no benefit. Pushing that is a disingenuous attempt to hurt those who are already struggling. Stop.



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I strongly oppose any and all changes to the Missouri Constitution as it relates to MO HealthNet Services and Medicaid Expansion. Missourians and our Supreme Court have already made it clear what they want and what is legal when it comes to Medicaid eligibility. I strongly believe in every Missourian's right to affordable healthcare. It is cruel to subject some of the most vulnerable and impoverished citizens of our state to inconsistent eligibility requirements which could flip flop from session to session depending on the whims of the legislature. I ask you to consider how you would feel not knowing from year to year whether you would have healthcare or not. In each of your hearts and minds I know that you know and understand the majority of the people who became eligible for MO HealthNet services under Medicaid expansion will most likely go without Insurance because they make too little to afford to purchase a plan through the private market and they make just barely too much to qualify for subsidies through the marketplace. Work requirements for eligibility in other states have been proven to cost states and taxpayers more money. In fact, no state which has implemented work requirements has saved money. Taking away a person's healthcare because they are down on their luck and lost their job is just outright sadistic. Stop messing with Missourian's healthcare!



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The voters have spoken in favor of Medicaid expansion. The legislature should not (once again) try to overturn "the will of the people" which is "the supreme law" (per the state motto). No one in Missouri benefits from having fewer people with access to health care or more sick people who are hospitalized when early preventive care could have handled an issue. How about some compassion and common sense, please.



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This proposal, if passed, would be an attempt to undo the will of the people of Missouri. Missourians already voted to add over 200,000 of their fellow citizens to the rolls of those receiving healthcare coverage through Medicaid. Do not pass HJR out of committee.



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Please don't undermine what the people have enacted.



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Voters in MO have passed (twice) Medicaid expansion. The voters have spoken. It is long past time to fund this and get healthcare to those who so desperately need it. It should not now have work requirements or an appropriations contingency attached to it. Passage of this bill would once again go against the wishes of the voters. Enough! Please vote no on HJR117.



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The people spoke with Medicaid Expansion and the general assembly has repeatedly tried to overturn this vote. I do not support this effort.



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Imposing a new work requirement for individuals to obtain Medicaid poses significant barriers for many Missourians. For example, home health care workers who may not work 80 hours per month due to lack of jobs, those living in rural areas who may not have reliable transportation, or those who are looking for employment but are unable to find it. Reducing the number of Medicaid beneficiaries will impose a greater burden on already overcrowded emergency rooms as many sick individuals will be forced to present to the emergency room for basic health care needs. Missouri has a strong interest in preserving human life, as evidenced by right to life laws. Medicaid and health care coverage has proven to reduce infant mortality rates and improve health care outcomes by providing an avenue to access health care.



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Medicaid expansion is good for the economy in MO. The MO Chamber of Commerce supports it. Some Medicaid recipients cannot work. Don't make it harder for Missourians to live here



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The people voted. Additional delays and infringement on implementation of the vox populi are neither necessary nor justifiable. We need to have put the funds to work in the lives of Missourians many, many months ago. Please do not delay.



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Medicaid expansion was supported by a majority of voters and has been ruled as constitutional in the state. This bill is simply a way to eliminate the voice of the majority of voters, which is unconstitutional and against our democratic practices. This is more than a work requirement, but rather goes against the will of the people. Medicaid expansion passed with a majority vote and there should no longer be barriers put in place towards its expansion because a majority of voters supported it. Finally, Medicaid expansion has been found to save money and increase healthcare options for our most rural populations, who have been severely impacted by the closures of hospitals and healthcare providers in their regions. Healthcare entities have indicated that the expansion of Medicaid will allow for stability in healthcare services for these populations while ultimately saving millions for Missourians over time due to fewer uninsured individuals. Do NOT support this bill going against the voice of the majority of voters.



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The people of Missouri have already voted for Medicare expansion. It has been validated in the court and it is now time to follow the will of the people. The legislature has no right to reverse what the people voted for.



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I oppose this bill! Stop ignoring the will of the people!



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This bill is a travesty. The voters spoke and said that they want Medicaid expanded. The Missouri Supreme Court spoke and said that since the voters approved it, Missouri needed to fund it. This bill sends a signal once again that the Missouri legislature does not respect the will of the Missouri electorate by making Medicaid expansion funding subject to the legislature's appropriation. This is wrong! And if that wasn't bad enough, the provisions to make Medicaid subject to work requirements is draconian and irresponsible. Many of the people on Medicaid haven't been able to find jobs or are unable to work because of medical conditions. If they were able to get good jobs, they wouldn't need Medicaid. Not a single state in the USA has instituted work requirements for Medicaid, and Missouri shouldn't either!



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I am opposed to any changes and wish Medicaid to go forward as the people voted for and as the courts have authorized. Kenneth M O'RENICK



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The American Lung Association believes everyone should have quality and affordable healthcare coverage and is committed to ensuring that Medicaid provides adequate, affordable and accessible healthcare coverage for low-income individuals and families. The Lung Association is deeply concerned about HJR 117, which would require beneficiaries to report a minimum number of hours worked or prove that they meet certain exemptions in order to keep their Medicaid coverage. These reporting requirements create an unnecessary administrative burden for Medicaid enrollees, resulting in widespread coverage losses and harm to patients with asthma, COPD, lung cancer and other lung diseases. The American Lung Association in Missouri urges members to oppose legislation that would implement work reporting requirements for patients in Medicaid. Increasing the administrative burden for Medicaid enrollees will likely decrease the number of individuals with coverage, regardless of whether they are exempt or not. For example, Arkansas implemented a similar policy requiring enrollees to report their hours worked or their exemption. During the first six months of implementation, the state terminated coverage for over 18,000 individuals and locked them out of coverage until January 2019 (1). Failing to navigate these burdensome administrative requirements could have serious—even life or death—consequences for people with lung disease. People managing their asthma, receiving treatment for lung cancer, or seeking care for other lung disease rely on regular visits with health providers and access to daily medications. They cannot afford a sudden gap in care. Most people on Medicaid who can work already do so (2). A recent study of Medicaid enrollees in Michigan found that only about a quarter (27.6%) of enrollees were unemployed (3). Of that 27.6% of enrollees, two thirds reported having a chronic physical condition and a quarter reported having a mental or physical condition that interfered with their ability to work. In another report investigating the impact of Medicaid expansion in Ohio, the majority of enrollees reported that being enrolled in Medicaid made it easier to work or look for work (83.5% and 60%, respectively) (4). Terminating individuals' Medicaid coverage for failing to report their hours work or not complying with requirements will hurt rather than help people search for and maintain employment. Administering these reporting requirements will be expensive for Missouri. States such as Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Tennessee have estimated that setting up the administrative systems to track and verify exemptions will cost tens of millions of dollars (5). These costs would divert resources from Medicaid's core goal—providing health coverage to those without access to care. In August 2020, Missouri voters supported the expansion of the state's Medicaid program without any additional barriers to coverage. Since that time, the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic has made affordable, adequate and accessible healthcare more important than ever. Additionally, the federal government has withdrawn

guidance inviting states to submit waivers for work and community engagement requirements. For all of these reasons, the American Lung Association in Missouri urges lawmakers to protect access to quality healthcare for Medicaid enrollees and therefore opposes this legislation.¹ Robin Rudowitz, MaryBeth Musumeci, and Cornelia Hall, "A Look at November State Data for Medicaid Work Requirements in Arkansas," Kaiser Family Foundation, December 18, 2018. Available at: <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/a-look-at-november-state-data-for-medicaid-work-requirements-in-arkansas/>; Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services, Arkansas Works Program, December 2018. Available at: http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20190115/88/f6/04/2d/3480592f7fbd6c891d9bacb6/011519_AWRReport.pdf². Rachel Garfield, Robin Rudowitz, and Anthony Damico, "Understanding the Intersection of Medicaid and Work," Kaiser Family Foundation, February 2017, <http://kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/understanding-the-intersection-of-medicaid-and-work/>.³ Renuka Tipirneni, Susan D. Gould, John Z. Ayanian. Employment Status and Health Characteristics of Adults With Expanded Medicaid Coverage in Michigan. *JAMA Intern Med.* Published online December 11, 2017. doi:10.1001/jamainternmed.2017.70554. Ohio Department of Medicaid, 2018 Ohio Medicaid Group VII Assessment: Follow-Up to the 2016 Ohio Medicaid Group VIII Assessment, August 2018. Accessed at: <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Resources/Reports/Annual/Group-VIII-Final-Report.pdf>⁵. Michigan House Fiscal Agency, Legislative Analysis of Healthy Michigan Plan Work Requirements and Premium Payment Requirements, June 6, 2018, <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2017-2018/billanalysis/House/pdf/2017-HLA-0897-5CEEF80A.pdf>; House Committee on Appropriations, Fiscal Note for HB 2138, April 16, 2018, <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/BI/FN/2017/0/HB2138P3328.pdf>; Misty Williams, "Medicaid Changes Require Tens of Millions in Upfront Costs," Roll Call, February 26, 2018, <https://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/medicaid-kentucky>.



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I oppose this bill. It is in direct conflict with what the voters approved. You need to start listening to the citizens of Missouri. You are supposed to be working for us.



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Missouri voters have spoken and provided necessary Medicaid Expansion to low income adults. This continued push to overturn the will of the people, and take away this basic right is wrong and unprecedented. LISTEN TO YOUR VOTERS. CARE ABOUT YOUR CONSTITUENTS. DO THE RIGHT THING AND DO NOT TAKE AWAY MEDICAID EXPANSION, OR ADD STIPULATIONS. Show that you actually care!



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We already voted on this. You know what the will of the people is on Medicaid expansion. We do not want more barriers that will keep our struggling neighbors from receiving the health care they need. We voted for Medicaid expansion because we want Missourians to get healthcare and avoid medical bankruptcy, suffering, and early death. If you have an ounce of compassion, empathy, or integrity, you will quit trying to undo what we already voted for and move on. Use your time to do something to actually better the lives of Missourians. That is what you are here to do.



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The voters have spoken in favor of Medicaid expansion. Please stop putting up hurdles to keep people in need from health care. Health care is a human right.



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As someone who has received disability services through Medicaid , I also am working at a local grocery store and am working about 15 hours per week at Minimum wage which is currently at \$11.15 per hour. I also am a student at the University of Missouri St Louis currently enrolled in six credit hours , which is considered full-time for those with ADA Title II disabilities. Services I have received include Case Management, Job Coaching , Psychiatrists , Therapists , and Primary care/Annual Physicals. These services have allowed me to be a productive tax paying member of society. They also allow me to be in the community rather than institutionalized care. Forcing someone to work more than they are capable of in order to receive services isn't fair and will cut people off of necessary services. Medicaid is a program that has proven to be effective and should be expanded not cut especially since the State budget has an excess of 6.1 Million.



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Chairman Smith, Vice-Chairman Deaton, members of the committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in opposition to HJR 117 which seeks to circumvent the will of the people who voted for Medicaid expansion. Pro-Choice Missouri works to protect and expand every Missourian's right to bodily autonomy, to access essential reproductive healthcare, to access accurate information in order to make the best decisions for ourselves and our families, and to parent our children in safety and dignity. Moreover, we work to ensure reproductive justice for all Missourians, which involves advocating to reduce disparities based on race, income level, insurance coverage status, and other factors. Fully implemented Medicaid expansion is pivotal to improving healthcare outcomes in maternal health in Missouri by increasing access to critical sexual and reproductive health services. Access to family planning, STI treatment and testing, maternity care, and cancer screenings (all covered under Medicaid), helps folks keep themselves and their families healthy. Medicaid is the largest payer of reproductive healthcare coverage, covering nearly 40% of all births in our state but many are still without access to the care they need. Research has shown that having health insurance is a core factor in whether a person uses birth control, particularly the most effective methods like the IUD which can cost more than \$1000 out of pocket. Yet only 19% of Missourians of low-income have access to the family planning services they need. Pregnant people who lack insurance coverage often delay or forgo prenatal and postpartum services because they cannot afford it, leaving them at increased risk for otherwise preventable pregnancy complications. Every Missourian should have access to the full range of reproductive health care. This basic right is the foundation of freedom and opportunity for Missourians and their families. On August 4th 2020, 53.3% of Missouri voters voted to expand Medicaid in Missouri. This was a significant margin of victory, and a clear showing by 672,967 Missourians that they believe in the Medicaid health care safety net and want more folks to have access. The people who already face the systemic barriers to healthcare, are more likely to have low incomes and rely on Medicaid—including Black people and people of color, LGBTQ+ folks, and people with disabilities. These folks are among those hit hardest by restrictions on healthcare access and they would bear the brunt of the harm of this bill. This bill will particularly impact Missouri communities that are already facing extreme disparities in access to health care, and are in especially vulnerable circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the pandemic, Missouri has significant rates of syphilis and some of the highest national rates of maternal mortality — this is the time to expand access to care, not circumvent the will of the people to restrict it. In Missouri, we need policies that allow everyone to live, work, and make decisions about our health and future with dignity and economic security. Pro-Choice Missouri, representing more than 70,000 Missourians across the state, opposes the advancement of this bill, and urges you to vote NO today. Thank you.



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We respectfully submit this written testimony to the House Budget Committee, and ask that it be included as part of the record. We strongly oppose HJR 117, which proposes a constitutional amendment relating to MO HealthNet, and urge the Committee to oppose this measure. Missouri Family Health Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that champions access for every individual to culturally sensitive, quality, sexual and reproductive health education and services. Our programming is focused on removing cost barriers, improving access, and supporting health centers through quality training, analysis, and collaboration. Our health advocacy seeks to address systemic barriers that decrease health equity and impede access to reproductive and other safety net services. Our statewide network of 76 health centers includes county health departments, federally-qualified health centers, community action agencies, hospital-based clinics, and standalone family planning clinics delivering sexual and reproductive health services throughout Missouri. We work exclusively with safety-net providers and our program services intersect considerably with MO HealthNet. Missouri Family Health Council, Inc. opposes this measure because it undoes the will of Missouri voters and the judiciary, and prescribes requirements for participating in the program that will impede access to care. In 2020, Missourians passed Medicaid expansion by a sound margin, ultimately upheld by the state Supreme Court. Implementation under the new eligibility criteria is already underway. Upending the Medicaid program at this juncture would be highly problematic – for the program, the people of Missouri, and health outcomes. Further, work requirements have been shown to be ineffective in other public benefit programs, such as TANF, and add yet another administrative burden for enrollees and program administrators. The ongoing pandemic has deepened health inequity in Missouri, and our most vulnerable citizens have suffered the greatest impact of the crisis. Over one million Missourians depend on this program for critical coverage. We thank you for the work you do and urge Committee members to oppose HJR 117.



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Please don't undermine our democracy. We have voted on this and HJR 117 is trying to change what we want and have decided on.



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One thing about what you are trying to do with this bill that you always conveniently want to forget is that many people that this expansion would cover are already working. The extra paperwork that they would need to get filled out is going to cause them serious problems they don't need. I know because I was part of the working poor for decades. It was difficult to get HR people to fill out their parts. They view it as a big inconvenience. You cause "too much" inconvenience and you get fired in favor of someone who doesn't. So then you're unemployed and you no longer meet the work requirements and you get your Medicaid taken away. It turns into a vicious cycle. If you want people to work then don't make it harder for them to. The next thing about what you are trying to do with this bill that you've proven that you can't be trusted to do is to put money into this program. The Missouri Supreme Court had to force you to. So now you're trying to do an end run around us and them to control the money. I'm so very sick and tired of you Missouri legislators coming along behind those of us who voted for things and purposely trying to screw up what we voted for. Don't forget that you work for us voters so LISTEN TO WHAT WE TELL YOU WE WANT ALREADY!



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The voters, the supreme court, and the federal government have spoken regarding funding Medicaid Expansion. Most of the funds are given by the federal government and the rest can be funded by MO with excess revenue left over. There is no reason to be addressing whether to appropriate money for Medicaid Expansion. Regarding the yearly paperwork requirement, this only puts workers under pressure and probably will not be an easy process for them.. Why do we have to continue making things so difficult?



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**Please stop delaying implementation of the Medicaid Expansion passed by the people for the people.
The business at hand should be to fund expansion, NOW!**



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We strongly request that you not approve HJR 117. This resolution is contrary to the goals for Medicaid which are to bring access to health care and greater economic security for low-income households. This bill creates a system of uncertainty and inconsistency for availability of health care for people who desperately need it and for their providers. It should be noted, Missouri has the money to fund Medicaid expansion. Missouri has received additional federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 of \$1.15 billion between October 2021 and October 2023. In addition, the permanent 90 % federal match is enhanced temporarily due to public health emergency, also adding to significant savings for Missouri. States which have expanded Medicaid have found revenue covers health care needs with a surplus to allow additional funding to other important state programs. And there is a high level of satisfaction. States have experienced greater access and improvement in physical health and financial stability for individuals and families with expanded access. These states have also noted increased net savings for hospital, health providers, and state budgets. Even among those skeptical states that included a clause for termination of the program if expansion cost the state money, none have invoked that clause and sought to terminate Medicaid Expansion. Kentucky reports many health facilities are in a stronger financial position than ever before. This is good for Missouri. Hospitals and health care providers are viewed as strong economic drivers in the communities. All Missourians benefit from strengthened health care and economic growth in the community and the state. Enough funding is available at no cost to the state to implement Medicaid Expansion that will substantially improve many thousands of lives, enhance community life, increasing financial standing and stability of the state. Please support retaining a strong system of health care for residents rather than impose one which severely weakens health care that is deserved by Missourians in need.



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This would undue Medicaid expansion. Why are you continuing to try and silence the votes we've already made!!



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The voters passed an amendment to the Missouri constitution in favor of expanding Medicaid and the legislature is once again trying to ignore the voters' stance. Stop with the legislative games and do what the voters passed. The voters spoke and legislators should listen and pass Medicaid expansion without trying to undo the voters' vote.



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Hello, I am the mother of two grown sons with autism and a teacher of many students on the autism spectrum. My sons and students want to work, that is not a problem. Tying access to healthcare to employment, though, is not a reasonable solution. If we want people with disabilities to work, then we need to invest more in programs and postsecondary/vocational education to better prepare, and help them, go to work.



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I firmly oppose HJR 117. The people have spoken! We the people passed Medicaid expansion, and we don't need to vote again on it. Stop undermining the people's will and democracy itself. No means NO. Who do you think you are to negate a bill we, the Missouri voters approved already. People need helping they need Medicaid to be able to have their right to medical care. We voted YES once and you have never honored that vote. Stop being so selfish and narrow minded.



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People who qualify for Medicaid Expansion have incomes that are already remarkably low and struggle to support themselves or their families. The bill allows the legislature to specify the expanded population, in an obvious attempt to limit recipients. As of Oct 2019, 58% of Medicaid recipients were already working. See graphic: <https://files.kff.org/attachment/fact-sheet-medicaid-state-MOI> see healthcare as a right and not something poor, elderly, disabled, children should have to "earn" .



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Everyone has a right to some type of medical assistance. Let's not take away what the people need and asked and voted for!



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The voters of the state of Missouri, the Supreme Court, and basic human decency all support - or have adjudicated - that Missouri expand Medicaid to a greater percentage of its impoverished population. And do so without imposing undue burdens on the people who need that basic medical care. Just do it !



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This bill goes against the will of the Missouri people, who voted overwhelmingly to expand Medicaid. The individuals who are eligible for health care coverage in the expansion group are often employed and, if not, live with a disability that prohibits employment. As a law student working on an Expansion HelpLine, I've talked to people who are homebound due to illness and cried when I told them they were eligible for in-home help one day a week; individuals who work but rely on family members to pay their bills who can now access much needed medical care; and newly divorced stay at home mothers branching out into the work world for the first time in decades. Work requirements do not save money by "encouraging" people to get jobs. People already work if they can. Work requirements are a bureaucratic and systematic nightmare that causes Missourians who qualify for services to lose their coverage because of the vagaries of mail misdelivery, changing addresses, or pure confusion. HJR 117 is a slap in the face of Missourians: those who have paid their taxes, those who have voted, those who care about the public health of our state, and those who believe in a government that works for the people.



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The voters approved Medicaid expansion in 2020 and Missouri legislators continue to put obstacles in the way of fully funding what the majority of voters want. As a taxpayer, I want my tax money to support those in my community that are living in poverty to receive healthcare. How is it possible for MO HealthNet to determine what funds will be needed to cover all individuals eligible in a fiscal year when a health or economic crisis occurs during that fiscal year? I also disagree with the work requirements in this bill. If they were to be retained, then my taxes would, once again, be used to litigate the expansion of Medicaid. I would rather that money be spent to improve the efficiency of the approval process of Medicaid eligible applications.



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On behalf of the American Heart Association, I urge the House Budget Committee to oppose HJR 117. Missourians deserve access to affordable, quality healthcare - this legislation restricts that life-saving coverage and adds unnecessary burdens. Approximately 36% of the 9.8 million unemployed, non-elderly Medicaid enrollees report illness or disability as their main reason for not working. Though most states exempt the "medically frail" and people with diagnosed medical barriers from the work requirement, the definitions of these criteria are limited, if defined at all. As such, the states leave open the potential for certain sick or disabled people to be forced into jobs, or else lose their Medicaid coverage. These requirements may also have serious health repercussions, particularly for those with cardiovascular disease (CVD). There is evidence to suggest that returning to work after CVD onset or a heart attack may reduce one's quality of life and cause even greater work stress, subsequently increasing the likelihood of recurrence or the development of other CVD-related health problems.



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The citizens of Missouri have spoken! We voted for expanding Medicaid for the **WORKING** poor of America! The people who qualify for are those who are working hard a jobs that don't pay enough for them to afford regular insurance. Many are handicapped, or caring for others. More ludicrous? This bill creates **MORE** bureaucracy in a time that the State cannot fill the vacancies we already have with workers. You will make the program cost **MORE** to add yet another layer of paperwork with convoluted tracking that is subject to horrible errors. Stop your war on the poor, it is disgusting that you call yourself the party of "family values" when all you do is make life harder for those who are working so hard to put food on their tables!



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As a medical practitioner and trained health care ethicist, I oppose the institution of Medicaid work requirements. These are punitive, busy-work requirements that ultimately cost our state and the healthcare system more money by requiring oversight and hindering people from accessing preventative medical care. The people of the state of Missouri voted for Medicaid expansion. The legislature's attempts to undermine the will of the people, reduce health care access and increase health care costs is wrong. Michelle Bach, PhD, MA



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Adding additional work requirements to Medicaid is unnecessary. Like many bills put forth, this would disproportionately impact women. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, "A majority of women who did not work were taking care of children and other family members, while the majority of men who did not work did not because of an illness and disability. Many women and men on Medicaid were employed in service jobs with limited benefits, such as health insurance or paid sick days. Some of these industries, such as restaurants, schools, and health care, have also been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has also increased caregiving and childcare responsibilities for many women." Furthermore, a report released by the Center for Budget & Policy Priorities, supports that work requirements do not improve employment rates, "Arkansas' work requirement increased uninsured rates without increasing employment, studies by Harvard researchers found. In both an initial and a follow-up survey of people with low incomes in Arkansas and neighboring states, researchers found evidence that Arkansas's policy increased uninsured rates: people who lost Medicaid did not transition to other coverage. The researchers found no evidence that it increased employment." There is no evidence that work requirements work. Funding is already allocated. Missouri hospitals and healthcare systems need Medicaid expansion. Missouri voters want it. Please stop fighting this.



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It is utterly absurd that the legislature continues to overturn the will of the voters. Missourians voted for Medicaid Expansion. The debate is over. Our state CAN afford expansion and Missourians CANNOT afford to lose expansion. Their health is on the line. Medicaid Expansion is crucial to the health of Missourians most vulnerable populations. Without expansion our healthcare sector is strained, our state loses millions in economic activity, and people go further into debt from medical expenses they can't afford. Medicaid Expansion really is a win for our people AND our economy.



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Medicare expansion is NEEDED desperately by many Missourians. Stop preventing the will of the majority of Missouri citizens. Health care is essential to a productive state.



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Keep the Medicaid Expansion for our citizens. I am a health care provider and patients and community really need the expansion for better care. Please stop this interference.



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To Whom It May Concern: Perhaps the Legislature has forgotten that the citizens of Missouri voted FOR Medicaid Expansion. It may have also forgotten that the Missouri Supreme Court has stated that this expansion needs to go forward. There is absolutely no need for a work requirement. Many who will benefit from this expansion are elderly and/or children who are unable or not old enough to work. Again, the Legislature may have forgotten that this expansion will mean a healthier population. This in turn means healthier employees. Plus, it is a fact, that Medicaid expansion will mean more jobs. A win-win for all of us. Please do not forget that we are losing hospitals and clinics in the rural parts of this state. With the current COVID pandemic, this is devastating for our state, even in the best of times. I respectfully ask that Medicaid expansion go forward as voted on. Thank you.



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This bill is asking voters to undo what they voted for and what Missouri's Supreme Court has mandated the legislature and the state to do: implement and fund Medicaid expansion.



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Dear Budget Committee Members: Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony related to bill HJR 117. As I know you are aware, 50,000 Missourians can now access health care, 70,000 citizens of our state have Medicaid applications pending, and more than 100,000 Missourians are Medicaid eligible. I am mindful of the devastating effect a lack of health insurance can have on an individual or a family. Delay in receiving care for seemingly minor ailments all too often leads to severe illness, complications, lost work hours and further potential economic consequences. As a representative of the people of Missouri I know you are committed to protecting their health and wellbeing. The people have spoken and affirmed their desire for Medicaid expansion and the Missouri Supreme Court has mandated the state to implement and fund Medicaid expansion. Annual determination of funding results in the potential for drastic funding cuts or zero funding. Such a situation jeopardizes appropriate care and of course, access to care. Further, work requirements serve no one and only add to delay and denial of care. Additionally, as we have witnessed during the past two years, a pandemic of crisis proportions wreaks havoc on personal, local, and state economies. We should be doing all we can to provide citizens of Missouri with the resources to care for themselves and their families through access to quality healthcare. Respectfully, I implore the committee to consider the devastating effect this legislation will have on Missourians. As a pediatric nurse practitioner and a nurse since 1968 my professional career has been devoted to caring for people of all socioeconomic means and have witnessed first-hand what a lack of health care can lead to. It is not in the best interest of the legislature to pass HJR 117 and most certainly not in the best interest of the citizens of Missouri. Sincerely, Patricia Clinton PhD, RN, FAANP, FAAN3019 NE 79th Terrace Kansas City, MO 64119



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The voters have made the decision to expand help. The Supreme Court had mandated that the legislators expand and distribute the funds. The bad bill allows legislators to start putting limit and restrictions on people who qualify. Poor people need Healthcare. People cannot work if they are sick or if their children are sick. Legislators should not be interfering with the will of the voters or the mandates of the Supreme Court.



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This bill is attempting to undo what us Missouri citizens voted for and therefore what Missouri's Supreme Court has mandated the legislature and the state to do: implement and fund Medicaid expansion. This bill will let legislators determine funding for expanded Medicaid each year which puts people's health care at risk by making their coverage vulnerable to possible cuts or worse yet, no funding at all. There are over 50,000 Missourians who now have health care because of the Medicaid expansion. In addition, there are almost 70,000 Missourians with Medicaid applications pending; and over 100,000 more Missourians who now qualify for Medicaid. Missouri voters have spoken with their votes and this is an attempt to override the will of the citizens of Missouri and YOUR constituents. Furthermore, the addition of work requirements have been proven to cost states and taxpayers even more money than without. Attempts in other states to add work requirements have not once resulted in a cost savings. The paperwork required for this can also be hard to navigate for some, causing them to lose their health care which can cause a severe negative effect on people's health and at worst, can be deadly. Not only that, but a worsening of people's health can cause them to not be able to sustain a job. Overall, the consequences of the bill are severely dangerous for the people of Missouri and will not in any way be beneficial to our state in the long run. Please respect the will of the voters. Thank you!



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I oppose this bill as it ignores the will of Missouri voters. Missouri voters clearly voted in favor of Medicaid expansion, not Medicaid restriction.



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I need Medicaid. I need health insurance whether I am working or not. We voted for the expansion with no requirements! Why do you continue to overthrow the will of the voters? Missouri is healthy and thriving, and the federal money has covered all costs to the state.



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We voted for Medicaid expansion. it easily passed. Stop trying to undo the will of Missourians.



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**Medicaid expansion is the law in the state of Missouri. The people voted for it. The courts require it.
Please do not put any changes or barriers for people to acquire Medicaid in the state of Missouri.
Please listen to what the people in this state are saying they want.**



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Missouri voters already voted for this at our last election. Why is the MO GOP continually acting in opposition to the voice of MO voters?



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The people of Missouri have already approved Medicaid expansion. Work to implement what was already approved, rather than trying to subvert the will of Missouri's voters.



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This bill is an effort to undermine and restrict Medicaid expansion as passed by the citizens of Missouri. I request a "no" vote in opposition to it passing.



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As a Missourian who was actively involved in the petition process to get this issue put on the ballot. I know how much planning and work it took to get it there. I also know that I did not discriminate in who's door I knocked on to get signatures! Democrat, Republican, Independent, etc. were overwhelmingly in support of this in my rural county! It is a slap to the face for us to see you try and dismantle something that all Missourians can see a need for. And as for the part of this bill that puts work requirements into the Amendment, we can look to our neighbors to the south and learn a few things. They tried and failed to put work requirements on Medicaid expansion and it only proved to cost MORE for the state, a bill which the state is left paying now that the whole work requirement thing has stopped in Arkansas as it was determined unconstitutional. This state does not need any more frivolous lawsuits or ideas that have failed elsewhere. I am opposed to HJR 117.



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I oppose this bill. This bill is asking voters to undo what they voted for and what Missouri's Supreme Court has mandated the legislature and the state to do: implement and fund Medicaid expansion. ? There are over 50,000 Missourians now accessing health care because of Medicaid expansion.? Letting legislators determine funding for expanded Medicaid each year puts people's health care at risk by making their coverage vulnerable to cuts or no funding at all.? Missouri voters have already said what they want, and this proposal outright ignores the will of the voters.? Work requirements have been proven to cost states and taxpayers more money. No state that has ever tried it has saved money after implementing work requirements.? Work requirements lead to people losing health care they otherwise qualify for because of the excessive paperwork and reporting requirements.? Punishing people who have lost a job by taking away their health care will only make them sicker and less able to work in the future.? Overall, the consequences of the bill are clear: if it is passed, people will lose health care through cuts in the legislature and the inefficient system for work requirements.Thank you!



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The Missouri legislature needs to move on and see to it that Medicaid Expansion is funded and implemented. The voters and the Missouri Supreme Court have spoken. We've already thrown away billions of dollars of federal funds by refusing to participate. Business, health and social services organizations and leaders have supported Medicaid Expansion for years, to benefit not only Missourians who need health insurance to alleviate pain and suffering and save lives, but to be a boon to our state's economy and budget. Many of those who are eligible for Medicaid Expansion (their incomes are below 138% of the federal poverty level) are working but their jobs do not provide health insurance. "Work requirements" would drain millions of dollars from our state budget, to implement federally required work supports like training, child care and transportation. The expense of new reporting and tracking mechanisms such as expanded technology and staffing to track work hours of Medicaid participants would also be burdensome to our state budget, without generating savings.



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Missourians voted decisively in favor of expanding Medicaid. Further, the state Supreme Court has already addressed the matter. To now threaten the annual availability of Medicaid - now a Constitutional right - for the expansion population is reprehensible. Additionally, work requirements are a cruel punishment to those who have lost work and must still care for their health while getting back on their feet. Further, work requirements have cost the state additional money in every instance in which they have been implemented.



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Missourians have spoken on Medicaid expansion. It's time to implement the will of the people and stop creating obstacles to health coverage for the poor.



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I am providing testimony as a Missouri resident. I don't understand the work requirement in HJR 117. It is largely symbolic with no discernable impact. Most important, what is the policy goal that you are trying to achieve? Are you trying to get people off welfare rolls? Having them off the welfare rolls will save money. Is it a matter of principle, that able-bodied individuals without children to support shouldn't have benefits since they are able to work? I don't know what your objective is so I can't address it. I am explaining the dynamics of SNAP and Medicaid. I have even included research on the issue from both liberal, moderate and conservative think tanks. First, the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities conducted research on the project overall outcomes of welfare programs with work requirements. Here are the findings: The evidence from an array of rigorous evaluations,^[3] however, does not support the view that work requirements are highly effective, as their proponents often claim. Instead, the research shows:

- Employment increases among recipients subject to work requirements were modest and faded over time (for more, see Finding #1).
- Stable employment among recipients subject to work requirements proved the exception, not the norm (for more, see Finding #2).
- Most recipients with significant barriers to employment never found work even after participating in work programs that were otherwise deemed successful (for more, see Finding #3).
- Over the long term, the most successful programs supported efforts to boost the education and skills of those subject to work requirements, rather than simply requiring them to search for work or find a job (for more, see Finding #4).
- The large majority of individuals subject to work requirements remained poor, and some became poorer (for more, see Finding #5).
- Voluntary employment programs can significantly increase employment without the negative impacts of ending basic assistance for individuals who can't meet mandatory work requirements (for more, see Finding #6).

<https://www.cbpp.org/research/poverty-and-inequality/work-requirements-dont-cut-poverty-evidence-shows> Although the Heritage Foundation finds that having work requirements for the SNAP program may be effective, it does not make sense to me. The SNAP program generally reflects the economy. Currently, SNAP enrollment is lower, because of the stronger economy. However, when the economy goes into a recession, the enrollment should rise. Poorer people are more loosely connected to the workforce because of the type of employment they are likely to get is more unstable. They are more likely to lose their job in a recession, so they would not be able to get food. SNAP is one program that meets the needs of the long-term unemployed. Generally, TANF and general assistance programs are not as responsive to rising needs during a recession. Moreover, there is a lag for poorer people to experience an economic recovery, so they may be on the rolls for several years after a recession. The SNAP rolls may continue to rise after the unemployment rates start to drop and even after the official end of a recession. The CBO notes the same pattern for each recession during the past 30 years. I don't have a report for this but may be able to track something down if you need it. During a recession, SNAP is an effective economic stimulus. Moody's Analytics estimates that in a weak

economy, every dollar increase in SNAP benefits generates about \$1.70 in economic activity. Similarly, CBO rated an increase in SNAP benefits as one of the two most cost-effective of all spending and tax options it examined for boosting growth and jobs in a weak economy. It is not clear why you want to increase food insecurity, anyway, with work requirements. Medicaid Conservatives, moderates and liberals agree that work requirements for Medicaid are a bad idea. People who work and are not eligible for the ACA insurance supplement form what is called the Medicaid Gap, which exists in MO. Who are you targeting with this bill, anyway? Here is a summary of research from the Kaiser Family Foundation regarding work requirements for Medicaid recipients.

- Most Medicaid enrollees who can work are already working.
- Most Medicaid enrollees who work are working full-time for the full year, but their annual incomes are still low enough to qualify for Medicaid.
- Among adult Medicaid enrollees who work part-time, many cite economic reasons such as inability to find full-time work (10%) or slack business conditions (11%) as the reason they work part-time versus full-time.
- By definition (that is, in order to meet Medicaid eligibility criteria), these individuals are working low-wage jobs.
- Even when working, adults with Medicaid face high rates of financial insecurity, as they are still living in or near poverty.
- Most Medicaid enrollees who can work are already working but could face barriers in complying with reporting requirements.
- Paid work can help provide family resources, but low-wage and part-time work may not be sufficient to overcome poverty. Most working Medicaid enrollees are working full-time for the full year <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/implications-of-work-requirements-in-medicaid-what-does-the-data-say/>

The Heritage foundation indicates that poor people don't necessarily have to enroll for Medicaid. They can go to a clinic or the emergency room where it will cost more. <https://www.heritage.org/health-care-reform/commentary/work-requirements-medicaid-wont-work-heres-serious-alternative>

The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities has a similar observation, that work requirements would create greater numbers of the uninsured. <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/work-requirements-in-medicaid-would-increase-number-of-uninsured/> It would be a better policy option to connect lower SES individuals to more stable and higher-paying jobs. There should be more emphasis on education, job training and attracting employers who offer higher paying entry level jobs and more stable jobs. Then people would be less likely to need welfare services and it would serve the purpose more as a safety net.



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The people have spoken. The legislature is not representing the will of the people by filing this amendment. As a pharmacist, I had a young type 1 diabetic who was constantly ending up in the hospital because she couldn't afford her insulin. Since she constantly was in the hospital, she couldn't maintain employment.



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**I oppose this new attempt to subvert the will of the people and circumvent the Missouri Supreme Court.
Fully fund the Medicaid Expansion population as voted by a majority of the voters in that election.
Defend democracy. Do Not Pass HJR117.**



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I write in opposition to HJR 117, an attempt to roll back the Medicaid expansion Constitutional amendment passed by Missouri voters. Medicaid expansion is good for Missouri. HJR 117 contains illegal work requirements that cannot be implemented and open the state to additional litigation. Medicaid expansion is good for people’s health, the health care system, and the state’s economy. Over 600 studies have established that Medicaid expansion is linked to gains in health coverage; improvements in access, financial security, and some measures of health status and outcomes; and provides economic benefits for states and providers. Studies find that Medicaid expansion results in state budget savings, revenue gains, and overall economic growth. See. Madeline Guth and Meghana Ammula, Building on the Evidence Base: Studies on the Effects of Medicaid Expansion, February 2020 to March 2021, Kaiser Family Foundation, (2021), and Madeline Guth, Rachel Garfield, and Robin Rudowitz, The Effects of Medicaid Expansion under the ACA: Studies from January 2014 to January 2020, Kaiser Family Foundations (2020).The provisions of HJR 117 that seek to impose work requirements as a condition of eligibility for Medicaid Expansion are illegal. After lower courts struck down Medicaid work requirements in Arkansas, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services withdrew the section 1115 waivers that allowed Arkansas and ten other states to impose work reporting requirements. See, Sidney D. Watson, Roll Back Harmful Section 1115 Waivers: Charting the Path Forward, Bill of Health Blog, May 12, 2021. While several states have pending requests for waivers to allow Medicaid work requirements, the Biden Administration is expected to reject all such requests. No state is presently implementing a Medicaid work requirement waiver. Work Requirements Waivers: Approved and Pending as of January 12, 2021, Kaiser Family Foundation, [https://www.kff.org/report-section/section-1115-waiver-tracker-work-requirements/Professor Sidney D. Watson](https://www.kff.org/report-section/section-1115-waiver-tracker-work-requirements/Professor%20Sidney%20D.%20Watson)Jane and Bruce Robert Professor of Law and Director Center for Health Law Studies Saint Louis University School of Law(Institutional affiliation is provided for identification purposes only and does not constitute institutional endorsement).



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The people have spoken at the polls. To try to undermine WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT, through this egregious bill, is proof that the Missouri GOP is a total sham. You are killing our democracy.



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? This bill is asking voters to undo what they voted for and what Missouri's Supreme Court has mandated the legislature and the state to do: implement and fund Medicaid expansion. And this should be reason enough. ? Letting legislators determine funding for expanded Medicaid each year puts people's health care at risk by making their coverage vulnerable to cuts or no funding at all.? Missouri voters have already said what they want, and this proposal outright ignores the will of the voters.? Punishing people who have lost a job by taking away their health care will only make them sicker and less able to work in the future. This is the banality of evil.



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This bill is asking voters to undo what they voted for and what Missouri's Supreme Court has mandated the legislature and the state to do: implement and fund Medicaid expansion.? There are over 50,000 Missourians now accessing health care because of Medicaid expansion; almost 70,000 Missourians with Medicaid applications pending; and over 100,000 more Missourians who now qualify for Medicaid.? Letting legislators determine funding for expanded Medicaid each year puts people's health care at risk by making their coverage vulnerable to cuts or no funding at all.? Missouri voters have already said what they want, and this proposal outright ignores the will of the voters.? Work requirements have been proven to cost states and taxpayers more money. No state that has ever tried it has saved money after implementing work requirements.? Work requirements lead to people losing health care they otherwise qualify for because of the excessive paperwork and reporting requirements.? Punishing people who have lost a job by taking away their health care will only make them sicker and less able to work in the future.? Overall, the consequences of the bill are clear: if it is passed, people will lose health care through cuts in the legislature and the inefficient system for work requirements.



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The voters of Missouri have overwhelmingly spoken in favor of Medicaid expansion. Listen to and act in accordance with your constituents. Do NOT change the requirements for Medicaid eligibility.



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I strongly urge Missouri legislators to reject the bill to put to voters an amendment against Medicaid expansion. The voters have already spoken in favor of Medicaid expansion and the Supreme Court has ruled. Our poorest citizens deserve basic health care and denying it only puts more burden on Missouri's hospitals. Taxpayers ultimately pay the cost whether the State wants to fund it or not. As a taxpayer, I want my fellow citizens to be as healthy as possible and I want my already-cast vote to be respected.



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After having been failed by the legislature, The People demanded — and worked hard to get —Medicaid expansion. Missourians deserve fully funded Medicaid expansion!



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My name is Susan Strozewski. I live in Fair Grove, Missouri. I am providing this written testimony in opposition of HJR 117. I am a retired RN who worked for Mercy Health Systems for 21 years. My focus was mostly in Cardiopulmonary Rehab. Through the years working in Cardiopulmonary Rehab there have been numerous patients that had to turn down our services because they were uninsured, low income and unable to cover the costs of Cardiopulmonary Rehab on their own. Many of these patients would now be able to attend Cardiopulmonary Rehab through Medicaid Expansion. While many of our patients are older the trend I saw was that more and more are under the age of 65 needing our services for heart and lung disease. These are hard working people, your constituents, whose employers do not pay more than minimum wage and offer them no health insurance benefits. Although our program would benefit them greatly with education and exercise they were the least able to afford it. Making only \$15,600/year it is difficult to afford rent, utilities and food let alone medications, doctors visits or Cardiopulmonary Rehab. Medicaid needs to be fully funded on a permanent basis not at the whim of what the legislature wants to allocate each year. Can you try to imagine the stress that lower income Missouri citizens, your constituents, are under to make ends meet each day? They now finally have some breathing room knowing that they can go to their physician, afford their medications and treat their illnesses without incurring huge medical debt. HJR 117 would negatively impact your constituents trying their best to make ends meet. On top of that adding work requirements in order to receive Medicaid will only make it impossible for your constituents to comply with all the time and paperwork required. Many will lose their health coverage because of paperwork and red tape, or because they are taking care of elderly parents or young children and are unable to comply with the 20 hours/week needed to maintain their Medicaid benefits. Work requirements will cost the state and taxpayers more to implement than to provide Medicaid to everyone who qualifies by their income. It will also cost the state and hospitals more in unnecessary ER visits by those who lose their health care coverage than to have your constituents covered by Medicaid and able to go to their PCP. Hospitals are already in jeopardy with Covid let alone adding more patients who's only option is to get treatment at an ER. This again puts our hospitals, especially rural hospitals at risk of closing. The people of Missouri have spoken with their votes that they want Medicaid Expansion as provided in Amendment 2 and HJR 117 blatantly ignores the will of the voters. Thank you for reading my testimony.



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I am astounded that HJR 117 is even being considered! It basically overturns last summer's Supreme Court ruling requiring Missouri expand Medicaid and disregards the vote/will of the people of Missouri once again. President Biden has denied applications that require the applicants to work. Many of these applicants cannot work due to health circumstances making work out of reach! It seems that this bill is written to ultimately work around having Missouri's application denied.



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This amendment would put Missourians' health care at risk, and impose unnecessary red tape with additional paperwork and reporting requirements. Nevermind the fact that work requirements for Medicaid expansion failed miserably in Arkansas, forcing 18,000 people to lose their coverage (when only about 1100 were actually found to be out of compliance with the work requirements) and costing the state 26 million dollars.



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Both of my parents did everything right, their entire lives. They worked full time, paid their taxes and were productive members of society. And then along came cancer. Because neither of them were retirement age, they werent yet eligible for Medicare. In my mom's case, she paid for insurance through CHIP, her premium was 900.00 per month. Her SS (thanks only to her deceased husband) was 1600.00 per month. So.... she was supposed to live on 700.00 per month which is not possible. With my dad, he was eligible for Medicaid. His spend down was \$300.00 per month and his SS was \$900.00 per month, leaving him with \$600.00 per month to live on. Again, not possible. Their care was a strain on me and my sister. They were well worth it and we were happy to do it but what if we had not been able to? Their situations werent any different than millions of people affected by chronic health issues. However, they were fortunate to have family to turn to. Many people arent as fortunate. Spitting in the face of the ACA because it was passed by democrats only causes Missouri citizens to suffer. It also puts an unnecessary financial burden on the state. Please quit trying to usurp the will of the people of Missouri and leave Medicaid alone.



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Missourians have already voted on this. I do not wish to overturn that vote and neither should you.



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This is a huge waste of time. CMS has rejected all work requirements for Medicaid. Stop wasting my tax dollars on frivolous lawsuits you'll lose.



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The people of Missouri have spoken on this issue. I am tired of our state legislators thinking they know more than the voters. Why can't you listen to we the people and leave your personal judgement at home? You have no business bringing this up again. Your inaction on Medicaid expansion cost the state Federal funding.



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Respectfully, I cannot understand how the voters of Missouri can be any clearer that we support Medicaid expansion in Missouri. We have already missed out on funds for MO, and on the increased jobs that expansion would bring, not to mention the burden placed on health care providers, especially rural hospitals. All of this is in addition to the more important issue: the burdens placed on low income citizens of Missouri. The people of Missouri deserve this care, and without the undue burden of work requirements in order to receive health care. Please stop these roadblocks and let Medicaid expansion move forward in MO without roadblocks and obstacles!



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I am a physician serving in a volunteer capacity at an indigent clinic in St. Louis. I see at every clinic session the devastation that lack of access to medical access causes in the people I serve. Many of us worked for years to get Medicaid expansion in Missouri and have followed the measures to negate the expressed will of the voters. Now that this needed measure has become a reality,, to have a measure introduced to undo that reality is a great disappointment. Please do not put this measure forward and put the people of the state through another divisive, expensive and damaging election. Most states have expanded Medicaid and all that have have found it to be medically and economically successful. In addition, the addition of work requirements has not been approved in any state, would be applied to a small minority of Medicaid patients and would require an expensive bureaucratic mechanism to operate. It is a vindictive and self-defeating addition to a medical program whose purpose is not job creation but the provision of medical care to those excluded from the existing system. Please do not put this misguided measure forward. Thank you



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Speaking from my experience as a health care ethicist, this measure would limit access to Medicaid (the expansion of which was already on the ballot and approved by Missouri voters) and cost the state hundreds of millions in its implementation. Do not waste our time and tax dollars.



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those provisions meaningless and all Medicaid eligibility would be determined through the budget process each year. II. **Allowing Medicaid Services and Types of providers to be Cut through the Annual Budget Process** The legislation adds a new section 36(d)(2) to the Missouri Constitution that would subject all Medicaid services to the annual appropriation authority of the legislature. Thus, any Medicaid services, even those now mandated in state law, could be cut or eliminated entirely unless also included in the budget bills each year. This same provision would also authorize the legislature to eliminate reimbursement to “type of providers” if those are not funded in a given fiscal year through appropriations bills. It is not clear what is intended here beyond making the services themselves subject to annual appropriations given that language is rather vague. Arguably, this language could be the basis for discriminating against certain types of providers in the budget process. Under current law, may Medicaid services such as physician services, in-patient hospital services, nursing home services, durable medical equipment, emergency ambulance services and family planning are mandated by state statute. And at least some courts have found that what is set out in state or federal law supersedes a failure to fund a service through the budget process. The proposed joint resolution would seem to set up an annual battle over which services are covered by the Missouri Medicaid program, in addition to the existing debates regarding the amount of funding for each category. Missouri would still have to comply with federal law in administering its Medicaid program but not all services are mandatory under federal law. Such “optional” services include prescription drugs, hospice care, dental care, vision care, and some home and community-based services. In the past, state Medicaid programs have tried to limit access to medications such as cures for Hepatitis C, treatment for HIV, or anti-psychotics to avoid the costs associated with those medications. While the precise impact of the new proposed provision is not entirely clear, it would remove statutory rights to certain Medicaid services and could potentially discriminate against certain types of providers. III.

Erases Constitutional Prohibition on Extra Burdens for Medicaid Expansion

Participants This legislation would remove the “no greater burdens” provision found in Article IV, Section 36(c)(5) of the Missouri Constitution. This provision prohibits the state from enacting additional burdens or restrictions on Medicaid expansion eligibility and enrollment as compared to other Medicaid populations. By removing this provision, the government would be able to make it harder for Medicaid expansion enrollees to access care and maintain coverage, for example through work requirements or mandatory premium payments. IV. **Work Requirements and Additional Bureaucracy** HJR 117 would amend the Missouri Constitution to add a new work requirement in the Medicaid program (Proposed Section 36(f)). Multiple states (Arizona, Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, Ohio, Utah, Wisconsin, and South Carolina) had previously received waivers to implement work requirements all of which have been withdrawn either by the State or rejected by CMS. Arkansas and New Hampshire actually applied work requirements to their Medicaid population. A federal court vacated CMS approval of work requirements waivers in both states. Arkansas appealed that decision and a 3-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously upheld the District court’s decision vacating CMS approval. New Hampshire had paused its work requirements before the court ruled. CMS has since made clear that it will no longer allow states to implement work requirements in Medicaid. In denying proposed work requirements in Georgia, CMS indicated that it does not believe that any potential benefits of the work requirement outweigh their likely negative consequences, and thus does not believe that the demonstration is likely to further the purposes of Medicaid with this requirement included. CMS found that conditioning initial and continued access to health coverage on completing a work requirement during an ongoing pandemic will only work to hinder the overall wellbeing of low-income Georgians, including with respect to their health and employment status. CMS noted evidence from states that implemented similar community engagement requirements shows that these requirements are administratively complex, confusing and burdensome, whereas there is no evidence available to suggest that imposing these requirements is likely to have a positive effect on beneficiary coverage, health care access or health outcomes. As discussed above, Missouri has expanded Medicaid, bringing over 57,000 new individuals into the program already. The work requirement would apply to these new Medicaid beneficiaries as well as many low-income parents and caretakers previously enrolled in the MO HealthNet for Families program. While the proposal includes some exemptions; the most likely impact would be to terminate coverage for people who nonetheless face barriers to work or are eligible but are unable to comply with paperwork and other administrative requirements. Indeed, in Arkansas, 18,164 individuals lost Medicaid coverage from September to December 2018 for failing to meet the new work requirement. Similarly, in New Hampshire, “17,000 people or about 40 percent of those who would have been subject to work requirements would have lost coverage had state policy makers not put the policy on hold.” Such terminations are likely to have a disproportionate impact on people facing chronic illness, homelessness or other significant barriers. **Bureaucracy and Administrative Burden:** The bill would create new administrative costs and paperwork burdens because the Department would have to determine exemptions and good cause, monitor compliance with work search requirements and other

designated work activities, and conduct hearings and appeals. This additional red tape will likely affect those who are not subject to work requirements under the law. These participants may well be unable to comply with the paperwork burdens and bureaucracy required to establish an exemption or good cause, or even reach a state employee who can properly make such a determination. It is in fact likely that eligible individuals, including those who are exempt, will have difficulty complying with documentation requirements. There is significant evidence that individuals sanctioned in the TANF and SNAP (food stamps) programs were in fact working or qualified for exemptions, but did not complete the required paperwork or could not document their exemptions. A review of state TANF programs “showed that people with disabilities were disproportionately likely to be sanctioned for failing to meet work requirements.” Other research indicates that TANF participants with physical and mental health issues are disproportionately likely to be sanctioned for not completing work requirements. Similar concerns have arisen with SNAP work requirements and erroneous terminations of benefits. Thus, the fact that written policies include exemptions does not guarantee that those policies will be implemented in practice. Missouri’s social services systems have been transformed in a variety of ways that make the administration of the work requirement even more challenging. The Department of Social Services has reorganized its offices so that individuals no longer have a single caseworker they know or can reach on the phone if they run into problems with their applications or related paperwork. 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When Missouri began implementing its new Medicaid Eligibility Determination and Enrollment System (MEDES) in 2013, the Family Support division planned for all public assistance programs (Medicaid, food stamps, child care assistance, Temporary Assistance) to be transitioned to the new computer system by 2015. However due to ongoing technical and planning errors, only family-based Medicaid has transitioned at this point. The other public benefits remain in the outdated FAMIS computer system. The new Medicaid Eligibility Determination and Enrollment System (MEDES) still has a range of problems, including the inability to generate clear and understandable notices to families whose Medicaid is being denied or terminated. 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Evidence from these states shows that red tape and paperwork requirements create serious hurdles for eligible beneficiaries, which then causes enrollment to decline. Among these challenges were complex and confusing eligibility rules and contradictory notices that made it difficult for Medicaid beneficiaries to determine whether work reporting requirements actually applied to them, confusion over what to report and how often, insufficient and ineffective outreach to the population affected, and complex and inaccessible on-line reporting systems, lack of sufficient staff support. In light of all of these problems, it is not surprising that exempt individuals, including people with disabilities, are adversely affected by Medicaid work requirements. A Kaiser Family Foundation study found that “people with disabilities were particularly vulnerable to losing coverage under the Arkansas work and reporting requirements, despite remaining eligible.”

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ConclusionThe proposed joint resolution would remove the constitutional right to Medicaid expansion coverage and allow the legislature to take away that coverage merely by failing to appropriate the money for such coverage in any given year. The amendment could thus lead to termination of coverage for every person who was helped through Medicaid expansion. This resolution, if enacted, would undo the voters decision to expand coverage and is ultimately likely to deny medically necessary services to needy Missourians.

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Conclusion The proposed joint resolution would remove the constitutional right to Medicaid expansion coverage and allow the legislature to take away that coverage merely by failing to appropriate the money for such coverage in any given year. The amendment could thus lead to termination of coverage for every person who was helped through Medicaid expansion. This resolution, if enacted, would undo the voters decision to expand coverage and is ultimately likely to deny medically necessary services to needy Missourians. While CMS is no longer allowing work requirements in Medicaid and federal courts have blocked such requirements thus far, the bill would still attempt to implement these requirements in Missouri -- at least for expansion enrollees and other low-income parents and caretakers. If enacted, work requirements would create additional bureaucracy and red tape. These requirements would be layered on top of an overburdened social services system that is ill-equipped to handle its current functions and responsibilities. Therefore, there is a significant likelihood that eligible individuals would lose health insurance coverage as a result of bureaucracy and paperwork, rather than because they refused to comply or were unwilling to work, let alone because the program helped them obtain employment or financial independence. This component of the legislation is especially problematic during the current pandemic when people need health coverage more than ever and unemployment is rampant. For the foregoing reasons, we have serious concerns with the proposed joint resolution and believe it would cause significant harm to our clients and other low-income Missourians who rely on the Medicaid program for access to health care. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Endnotes Missouri Department of Social Services Caseload Counter, as of January 14, 2022 showed that there was 57,146 Enrollees in the MO HealthNet (Adult Expansion) program, available at <https://dss.mo.gov/mis/clcounter/> See, e.g., *McNeill-Terry v. Roling*, 142 S.W.3d 828 (Mo. App. 2004); *Lankford v. Sherman*, 451 F.3d 496 (8th Cir. 2006). The new provision discussed herein could create a conflict with other Missouri constitutional requirements that prohibit such action through budget bills. See *Planned Parenthood of St. Louis region v. Department of Social Services, Division of Medical Services*, 602 S.W.3d 201, 211 Mo. banc, 2020). Courts could have to sort out these competing constitutional provisions. Some policies that have been seen in other States that have been aimed at making it more burdensome to access care and maintain coverage include adding in a premium payment for coverage, lockouts from coverage, and work requirements. For example, Kentucky had received approval to implement a lockout policy that if a Medicaid enrollee failed to complete their annual renewals of eligibility on time they would be locked out of the Medicaid program for six months, Indiana was working on a similar policy with a three-month lockout period. Additionally, states like Arkansas had a lock out tied to its no longer existent work requirement which would have locked out individuals who failed to meet it for a year. See Jennifer Wagner & Judith Solomon, Ctr. on Budget and Policy Priorities, *States' Complex Medicaid Waivers Will Create Costly Bureaucracy and Harm Eligible Beneficiaries*, May 23, 2018, available at <https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/states-complex-medicaid-waivers-will-create-costly-bureaucracy-and-harm-eligible>. <https://www.kff.org/report-section/section-1115-waiver-tracker-work-requirements/> A Snapshot of State Proposals to Implement Medicaid Work Requirements Nationwide, National Academy for State Health Policy, Updated Jan. 17, 2020 [hereinafter "Snapshot"], available at <https://nashp.org/state-proposals-for-medicaid-work-and-community-engagement-requirements/>. On Jan. 22, 2019, Gov. Mills informed the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that Maine would not accept the terms of the waiver to implement a work requirement. See *In Lieu of Medicaid Restrictions, Governor Mills Directs DHHS & Labor to Promote Work Opportunities*, State of Maine Office of Governor Janet T. Mills, January 22, 2019, available at <https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/in-lieu-medicaid-restrictions-governor-mills-directs-dhhs-labor-promote-work-opportunities-2019>. For more information about the New Hampshire waiver, see Letter from Jeffrey A. Meyers, Comm'r N.H. Dep't of Health & Human Servs. to Gov. Christopher T. Sununu et al. (July 8, 2019), available at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/medicaid/granite/documents/ga-ce-findings.pdf>; Holly Ramer, N.H. delays work requirement compliance deadline, *Concord Monitor*, July 8, 2019, available at <https://www.concordmonitor.com/New-Hampshire-delays-work-requirement-compliance-deadline-26844999>. Andy Schneider, D.C. Circuit on Medicaid Work Requirements: Read the Statute,

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