

Dear Committee Chair Gene Suellentrop,

I write to express my support for Senate Bill 252 to expand KanCare. In my own family, I have family members who cannot afford insurance *because they are too poor to qualify for the Affordable Care Act*. Expanding KanCare would allow my family members to get regular preventive care to manage and improve chronic and occasional health challenges. Currently too many needed interventions are on hold until their economic situation improve--a challenge when not all jobs even offer benefits such as affordable health insurance. I know many people cobbling together multiple part-time jobs, none of which offer insurance. It's a terrible cycle. Adding a work requirement or the other amendments I've been reading about seem beside the point. If people are sick, how can they work? Why shouldn't we try to uplift everyone? And the provisions in the Affordable Care Act specifically tried to address this problem. It seems wrong-headed not to take action for our least prosperous citizens, especially when our federal tax dollars fund almost all of the provision.

I hope you and the Kansas Senate will help our Kansas families by expanding KanCare and getting the federal monies we've already contributed towards "the general welfare," as the Constitution puts it. It's worth it.

Sincerely yours,

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