

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 5, 2013

The Honorable Rick Scott
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott:

We write to express our extreme disappointment that your \$74.2 billion budget plan for Florida abandons your expressed support of Medicaid expansion under the federal Affordable Care Act.

Not expanding Medicaid will have serious, adverse health and financial consequences for many people and businesses in Florida.

Some \$51 billion in federal funds intended for our state to expand Medicaid will go instead to pay for health care for people in other states.

An estimated 120,000 private sector jobs may not be gained. And Florida businesses could pay between \$163 million and \$253 million in tax penalties if they don't provide affordable insurance - which could be significantly reduced by expanding Medicaid.

As it stands now, an estimated 1.2 million low-income Floridians will be forced to forgo this health coverage.

And by one analysis - published on the website of the nonprofit journal, Health Affairs - some of them will die. Between 1,158 and 2,221 deaths could be prevented if Florida were to expand Medicaid, the review argues.

Governor, last year you said your conscience wouldn't allow you to stand in the way of an expansion. We hope your conscience now will compel you to at least ask legislators to find a way to get this done.

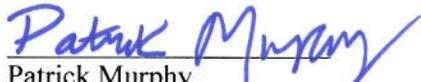
Sincerely,



Bill Nelson
U.S. Senator



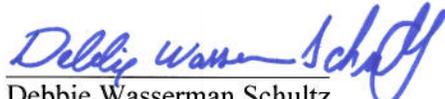
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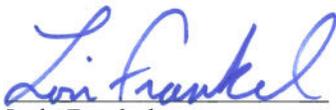

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