

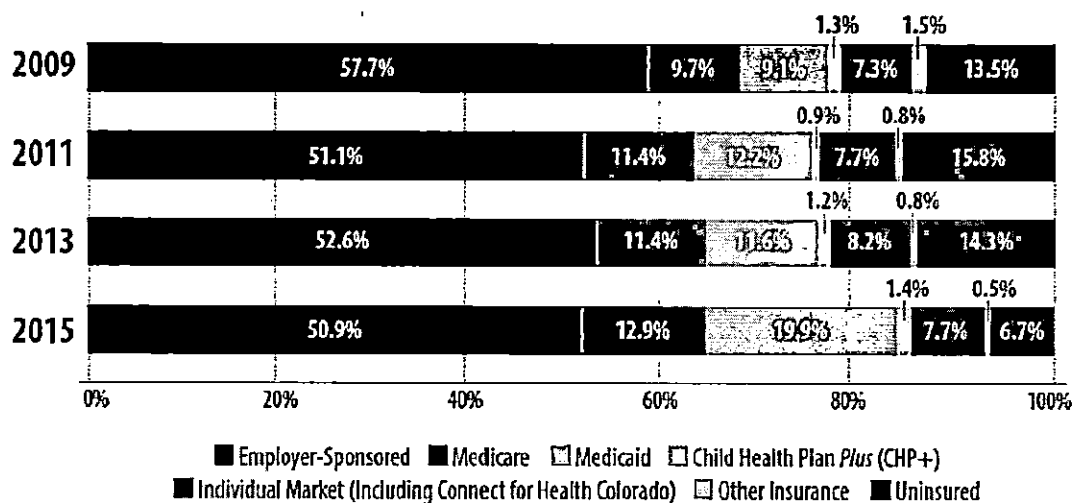
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To: Senate Finance Committee
 From: Cindy Sovine-Miller
 Subject: Support SB17-003 Repealing the State Exchange

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my support in repealing the state based health insurance exchange. I am representing myself.

Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act we have seen decline in enrollment in nearly every insurance market. We have more people who are 'covered' in Colorado but those gains did not come from the ACA's insurance reforms, they came from Medicaid Expansion. In just over two years the Medicaid population nearly doubled. According to the Colorado Health Institute, currently 1 in 3 Coloradans is covered by a public program.

Trends in Coverage
2015 Colorado Health Access Survey, Colorado Health Institute



- While the number of individuals on Medicaid nearly doubled in two years, the number of doctors serving Medicaid Patients did not double, and access for our most vulnerable is at risk as a result.
- People deserve choices. Under the current structure, the low wage workers are forced

- into the Medicaid system with no options if that system cannot meet their needs.
- Did not address the fundamental cost drivers in Medicaid nor increased reimbursement rates to support expansion.
 - Our most vulnerable are at risk to be the left without access to care by expansion due to eroding provider networks.

We no longer need the Exchange to function as a Medicaid expansion pipeline and the insured population can be served more efficiently through the private market place while those in need of subsidies may still access them through the Federal Exchange.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion on this matter.

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