



Family Investment Coalition™

Utah's Economy: It Starts With People

November 13, 2013

The Honorable Gary R. Herbert
Utah State Capitol Complex
350 North State Street, Suite 200
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-2220

Dear Governor Herbert:

Few decisions in our state's history will have as much impact as Utah's decision whether or not to expand Medicaid to cover 123,000 low-income adults under the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Utah Family Investment Coalition (FIC), which represents Utah's most vulnerable citizens, including children, elderly, and disabled is writing to encourage you to be transparent with respect to the fiscal implications of whether to accept or reject the Medicaid Expansion funds provided by the federal government under the ACA.

The FIC believes that accepting the Medicaid Expansion is not only the morally responsible thing to do for Utah but also the fiscally responsible thing to do to fully support Utah families. There are real and significant fiscal implications beginning in FY2015 as a result of this decision. In light of this, we encourage you to release two FY2015 budgets in December. One budget would reflect the fiscal impact of rejecting the Medicaid Expansion and the second reflecting the estimated \$11 million in savings realized in FY2015 if the state accepts the federal government's offer to fully finance Medicaid Expansion. This potential savings can be utilized to meet other important funding priorities in our state.

Recognizing transparency as a priority of your administration, releasing two budgets allows the public and the legislature to better understand the fiscal implications of the expansion. Utahns need to be informed of the lost opportunity if the state rejects Medicaid Expansion this year.

Please consider our request to release two budgets when you deliver your budget address in December.

Respectfully,

The Family Investment Coalition

cc: D. Patton
A. Isom
R. Spendlove
J. Tennert

FAMILY INVESTMENT COALITION

AARP•AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN•
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF UTAH•COMUNIDADES UNIDAS•
LEGISLATIVE COALITION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES•NEW FRONTIERS FOR FAMILIES•
THE ROAD HOME•SALT LAKE CATHOLIC DIOCESE•
SALT LAKE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP•UTAHNS AGAINST HUNGER•
UTAH HEALTH POLICY PROJECT•UTAH HOUSING COALITION•
UTAH STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL•VOICES FOR UTAH CHILDREN•
YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

FAMILY INVESTMENT COALITION

AARP•AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN•
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF UTAH•COMUNIDADES UNIDAS•
LEGISLATIVE COALITION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES•NEW FRONTIERS FOR FAMILIES•
THE ROAD HOME•SALT LAKE CATHOLIC DIOCESE•
SALT LAKE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP•UTAHNS AGAINST HUNGER•
UTAH HEALTH POLICY PROJECT•UTAH HOUSING COALITION•
UTAH STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL•VOICES FOR UTAH CHILDREN•
YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

phone: 801.433.3025 ext. 4

•

email: fic@caputah.org

•

www.familyinvestmentcoalition.org