

As religious leaders who believe that all people deserve access to quality healthcare, we applaud the Affordable Care Act's expansion of Medicaid and urge governors who have indicated their intention to obstruct it to reconsider this decision. Millions of Americans who currently lack health insurance and thus access to affordable care will see improvements in their health and economic security if governors have the wisdom and integrity to accept the improvements to this crucial program. Such a decision honors the sanctity of life, human dignity and the responsibility to protect poor and vulnerable people.

Depriving struggling families of healthcare is wholly incompatible with the teachings of our faiths and the ideals of our nation. Politicians who put political ideology before the well-being of their constituents neglect their moral duty as leaders. We call on governors who are considering refusing or have already refused to accept the Affordable Care Act's expansion of Medicaid to put the well-being of their constituents ahead of their political ideology and accept the Medicaid funding.

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