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To; The Special Committee on Medicaid Expansion Representative Brenda Landwehr, chairman

From; Kansas Farmers Union

Donn Teske, president

RE; Medicaid Expansion

Representative Landwehr and the Special Committee on Medicaid Expansion, I, as president of the Kansas Farmers Union, would like to submit this letter of support in regards to Medicaid expansion.

Kansas Farmers Union's policy supports Medicaid expansion, and we support it especially here in Kansas, our home. The need for expanding Medicaid is obvious here in rural Kansas where the lack of Medicaid expansion has severely affected our already struggling rural hospitals to the point where many are on the edge of closing. Our rural hospitals are an important part of appropriate healthcare for the rural citizens of our state.

It's past time for Medicaid expansion to be enacted here in Kansas, and it needs to be done without adding harmful barriers or delays.

Let's serve the medical needs of a significant demographic of struggling Kansas citizens.

Again, it's past time to enact Medicaid expansion, let's do this!

Thank you for your time, and your time serving our state and our citizens,

Sincerely

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