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Dear Mr. Wolf, Mr. Dulaney and Mr. Bonaiuto:

I am writing today to share with you the results of an independent analysis of the federal health care law on Nebraska's Medicaid program. The study was done by Milliman, Inc., one of the world's largest independent actuarial and consulting firms and is available at governor.nebraska.gov by clicking on our Medicaid expansion news release.

The federal health care law is an unfunded Medicaid mandate that will cost Nebraska between \$526 million and \$766 million over the next 10 years. Currently 1 in 9 Nebraskans are eligible for Medicaid. That's approximately 229,000 Nebraskans. Under the new federal health care law, an additional 108,000 to 146,000 Nebraskans will be eligible. That means nearly 1 in 5 Nebraskans will be eligible for Medicaid.

This unfunded Medicaid mandate is unfair and unsustainable. The results are potentially devastating to the State's budget.

As you know, the three largest components of the State's budget are state aid to education, the University of Nebraska and higher education, and Medicaid. Increased funding for Medicaid is likely to result in less funding for education.

I am writing today to encourage you and your board to support the repeal of this federal health care law. If you sit silently by, I am going to assume that your lack of action is tacit support for increased Medicaid funding and the likely reduction in funding for education.

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