

JFC Republicans Reject \$1.6 Billion Investment in Wisconsin

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Vote to remove Governor's Medicaid expansion proposal from the budget could cost every Wisconsinite besides leaving 82,000 without healthcare.

MADISON, WI - During the Joint Committee on Finance executive session on Thursday, Republicans voted against Democrats' motion to stop the removal of the Medicaid expansion proposal from budget deliberations which would have attracted \$1.6 billion in federal dollars to the state. Their choice to block the expansion does not only hinder Wisconsin's ability to give health care coverage to 82,000 additional individuals, but it hurts every single person, provider, and community in the state.

By accepting the expansion, Wisconsin would be able to generate \$324.5 million in savings to be invested back in the state, would attract more primary care doctors and providers to address shortages in rural areas, and would foster economic growth and financial stability for local economies. However, Republicans have once again decided to put politics before their communities.

Democrats on the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statements:

