



14th March, 2013

Dear Senator Newell,

We, the undersigned faith leaders of Together Colorado, are writing to ask for your support for the strengthening and expanding access to quality, affordable healthcare for all Coloradans through Medicaid. Hardworking Coloradoans shouldn't have to worry about getting the care they and their families need. They should not have to forego the basic necessity of preventative care so they can provide a home and food for their children.

Our diverse faith traditions teach us that we have a moral obligation to ensure that everyone can get the care they need at a price they can afford.

We stand with Governor Hickenlooper on Medicaid expansion because each day in our congregations and communities, we witness the human consequences of lack of access to quality, affordable care. We see and hear the suffering of Coloradans who are sick and cannot afford care or who have lost their homes due to medical debt.

We have also seen families who are spared suffering and loss, thanks to Medicaid. Our families should be able to get the cost-effective preventative care provided by Medicaid rather than expensive care at the emergency room.

Many of our sacred texts have teachings similar to the one in Hebrew scriptures: "If, however, there is a needy person among you, one of your kin in any of your settlements in the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kin." (Deuteronomy 15:7-11, JPS Translation). Medicaid is our opportunity to extend our hands to our brothers and sisters in need of healthcare. The state of Colorado has a moral obligation to provide for the needy and vulnerable in our midst. One way the state can do this is through growing, strengthening and improving Medicaid.

We believe the state of Colorado has a moral obligation to provide for the needy and vulnerable in our midst by growing, strengthening and improving Medicaid.

It is our collective prayer that you will champion a robust Medicaid program of which our state can be proud. We ask you to take leadership to make it happen!

Sincerely,

Title	Name	Institutional Affiliation	City
Murshida	Habiba Kabir	Sufi Order	Boulder
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Rabbi	Marc Soloway	Conservative Jewish	Boulder
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Reverend	Bill	Calhoun		Denver
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Rabbi	Elliot	Baskin	Conservative Jewish	Denver
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