

## Would you help 500,000 people get healthcare if you could?



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**Dear Steve:**

The North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) convened this month and after years of rejecting federal dollars to expand Medicaid, there is a chance that thousands of North Carolina residents may be closer to getting access to affordable healthcare. Why did they have to wait so long? Because elected officials in the NCGA put politics over people. Estimates are that Medicaid Expansion would result in over 500,000 North Carolina residents becoming eligible for coverage, allowing them to get care for chronic conditions and help them prevent future illness.

The failure of the NCGA to expand Medicaid is a concrete example of how voting (or not voting) can directly affect rural communities. If more rural residents had been provided with information about how Medicaid Expansion would improve their lives and the well-being of their communities, perhaps more of them would have used their voting power to elect legislators who put the welfare of North Carolinians at the center of their legislative agenda.

## **TELL YOUR NC LEGISLATORS TO EXPAND MEDICAID!**

Listening to the residents of rural communities and encouraging their civic and electoral engagement is at the core of New Rural Project's mission and in 2023, we will continue to find ways to educate and empower those that feel helpless and hopeless. With your help, we will continue to work to give rural residents the information and the tools they need to advocate for themselves through civic involvement and most importantly, at the ballot box. Only when everyone understands the power of their vote will we become a true democracy.

You don't have to wait until Election Day to have your voice heard by your elected officials. If you live in North Carolina, contact your [NC House Representative](#) and your [NC Senator](#); review their current voting record and let them know that the health of **ALL** North Carolinians should be one of their legislative priorities in 2023.

In solidarity,

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