



## House of Representatives State of Idaho

March 24, 2016

To: House Health & Welfare Committee

Dear Committee Members,

As I'm sure you know, I do not believe that the interim committee, found in HCR63, was the best way to address the needs of the Gap population. I believe that Idaho currently has enough data collected to ensure that we could have submitted a waiver application with a solid, Idaho-specific solution. I further believe that if this committee had been given the chance to send legislation to the floor that provided for the clinic grants, along with enabling language to start the waiver process, it would have had enough votes to make it to the floor.

I do not believe Idaho's current system of delivery of medical services, including Medicaid, the CAT fun, the high risk pool, etc...is effective, efficient or sustainable. I am supportive of Medicaid reform that moves us toward a managed-care Medicaid program, in alignment with Idaho's Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan, more commonly known as SHIP.

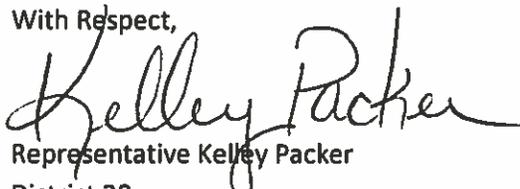
I participated in sending H644 & HCR63 to the floor for a vote, because they were the only option presented to me via the political system. I preferred choosing "something over nothing". However, my choice would have been to choose what I believe is the BEST policy, which is why I voted for H644 and not HCR63, during my floor vote.

I have respect for all House members who voted for H644 & HCR63 and will respect the workings of the interim committee. However, I am unwilling to tolerate future inaction. I believe the propensity for inaction is inherent in HCR63, since it does not authorize movement on the waiver until a vote is taken by the full House.

Therefore, I am submitting to this committee notice to reserve the right to vote against any rule or any bill, which comes before the House Health and Welfare committee in 2017, regardless of its fiscal consequences, until a waiver, brought forth from the interim committee, is submitted to the full House for a vote.

I have listened to the pleas of Idahoans for real action on this issue and am willing to do what I believe is necessary to fix our broken system and provide better solutions for Idahoans.

With Respect,

  
Representative Kelley Packer  
District 28

CC: House Majority Leadership  
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