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**From:** judy schmidt <sjudy11@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:16 PM  
**To:** Margaret Major  
**Cc:** Senator Dean Mortimer; Senator Mark Harris; Senator Brent Hill  
**Subject:** Public Testimony, Mar 21, Sen. Health & Welfare, S1204

Dear Chairman Martin and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1204 on Medicaid Expansion.

This bill is fiscally conservative and true to what 360,000 plus Idaho voters intended when they voted for expanding Medicaid: providing affordable health care for those the system left behind in the most efficient, cost-effective, and comprehensive form possible.

I support this bill over others for three specific reasons:

One, it (Medicaid) is the most cost effective plan for taxpayers - and for individuals, particularly those with lower incomes, as it provides greater coverage than so-called "affordable" private plans on the exchange and no insurance deductibles.

Two, it offers access to a voluntary rather than compulsory work program, which means that those who are in a position to take advantage of programs to improve their job prospects or economic circumstances and move off Medicaid can have that opportunity, but those who are not will not lose their health care benefit. This proposal allows the state to avoid the complicated, cumbersome, and cost-prohibitive process of sorting out who should be exempt and under what circumstances.

Three, it creates no second gap.

Governor Little has said a "good bill" will be one that will not overcomplicate implementation, run up excessive new and unneeded costs to taxpayers, and will not leave a continued large gap population. I think this bill meets those criteria.

I want to thank the authors of this bill for the thought and research they applied in crafting SB 1204. You have listened to the voters, and I respect and appreciate your hard work on our behalf. And I especially want to thank all the legislators who will prudently vote YES on SB1204! Let's move Medicaid Expansion forward into implementation as the voters intended.

Respectfully and sincerely,

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**From:** Julie Braun Williams <juliebraunwilliams@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:09 AM  
**To:** Margaret Major  
**Cc:** Senator Dean Mortimer  
**Subject:** Public Testimony, Mar 21, Sen. Health & Welfare, S1204

Dear Chairman Martin and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1204 on Medicaid Expansion. This is a good bill that respects the will of the voters of Idaho. A voluntary work program like Montana's is a proven way to help people access better employment and training without adding excessive, unnecessary costs and bureaucracy. Implementing this bill will close far more of the gap than any other bill proposed in the House or Senate this session. I appreciate the thought and research that has gone into this bill, and applaud the fiscal conservatism of its approach.

Thank you,

Julie Williams, Constituent of Sen. Dean Mortimer  
Ammon, Idaho

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**From:** Cay and Ron Marquart <mnimages@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:03 AM  
**To:** Margaret Major  
**Subject:** Written Testimony to Place Before the Committee, SB 1204

Dear Senators,

Although my husband and I would prefer a clean Medicaid Expansion bill, we are in support of SB 1204. It is a much more reasonable bill than HB277. As I testified yesterday at that hearing, our main concern was about the requirement of verifying monthly job information. Our son was diagnosed with schizophrenia 30 years ago. Over those 30 years, with our support, he has been working. However; my husband and I have to help him fill out very lengthy and difficult to understand forms from Health and Welfare. There is no way, without our support, that he could have done that on his own. This very bad bill (HB277), among other things, did not take into consideration the thousands of Idahoans who would have the same difficulties. SB1204 would not have this concern, (not to mention the fact that HB277 would cost the state taxpayers millions of extra dollars to implement!) Please vote for SB1204.

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**From:** Judy DeRoche <jmderoche@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 10:47 AM  
**To:** Margaret Major  
**Cc:** Senator Dave Lent  
**Subject:** Public Testimony, Mar. 21, Sen. Health & Welfare, S 1204

Dear Chairman Martin & Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT of SB 1204 on Medicaid Expansion. I appreciate that this bill respects the will of Idaho voters. The voluntary work program is a proven way to help people access better employment and training without adding unnecessary costs and bureaucracy.

Implementing this bill will close far more of the gap than any other bill proposed this session. I appreciate the thought and research that has gone into this bill and applaud the fiscal conservatism of this approach.

Thank you!

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Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Brenda <rentamuse@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 10:48 PM  
**To:** Margaret Major  
**Cc:** Senator Steve Bair; Representative Neil A. Anderson; Representative Julianne Young  
**Subject:** Public Testimony, Mar 21, Sen. Health & Welfare, S1204

Dear Chairman Martin and members of the committee:

I would like to offer my SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1204 on Medicaid Expansion. Any time you can create a system change that will save people's lives and save money, that is an obvious win for Idaho. We will see cost savings in many systems through expanding Medicaid. A clean Medicaid expansion bill will enable positive changes and NOT create unnecessary bureaucracy. Please acknowledge the will of your constituents.

Thank you so much,

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**From:** stanleyjudee@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:24 AM  
**To:** Margaret Major  
**Subject:** Dear Members of the committee

To my legislators,

S1205 is a stab at something bearable. Of course, I hoped for the clean passage of Prop 2.

It will be an uproar if something good doesn't pass. Please get it done quickly.

And do not make it harder to pass a voter petition. That is crazy, and I want to believe that wise republicans will see that a democratic voice is important in our state.

Thank you, Judee Stanley  
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**From:** BOBBE CRAPO <brees@cableone.net>  
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**To:** Margaret Major  
**Cc:** Senator Dave Lent  
**Subject:** Public Testimony, Mar 21, Sen. Health & Welfare, S1204

To Members of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and Senator Lent:

My name is Bobbe Crapo. I live in Idaho Falls. I voted for Proposition 2, the Medicaid Expansion initiative in last November's election.

I am writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 1204. This proposed legislation would make some reasonable and rational amendments to the initiative passed so overwhelmingly by the voters. It appears to be well-researched and well-intentioned, and it would meet Governor Little's criteria for signing such a bill. It would not add overly restrictive requirements that would be costly and complicated for implementing Medicaid expansion in Idaho. In my mind, it fulfills the responsibility of the legislature to respect the will of the voters by crafting a statute that achieves the goal of providing access to healthcare for citizens that are currently not able to afford it, and at the same time considering important budgetary issues.

Senate Bill 1204 meets my expectations as a voter and citizen of the State of Idaho. Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal.

Bobbe Crapo

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**From:** Ted Epperly MD <Ted.Epperly@FMRIdaho.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:28 AM  
**To:** Margaret Major  
**Cc:** Ted Epperly MD  
**Subject:** Written Testimony to Place Before the Committee, SB 1204

Dear Senate Health and Welfare Committee Members

I am very much in favor of the proposed SB1204. Senate Bill 1204 offers a more reasonable alternative in terms of Medicaid Expansion sideboards. I specifically like :

1. Eligibility for notification and opportunities for employment program as outlined in section 2 paragraph 5.

Voluntary work promotion has been proven to assist Medicaid enrollees in increasing their work hours and compensation

Conversely, House Bill 277 includes mandatory work requirements that will add significant administrative burden and will result in a significant portion of the gap population losing coverage. Mandatory work requirements have resulted in costly lawsuits in several states and have not been proven to achieve the goals of improving work outcomes.

Additionally the work requirement in HB277 for the waiver for 100-138% FPL would result in a secondary coverage gap that will require continued use of county and state indigent funds to cover uncompensated care.

SB1204 maintains consistency with the intent of the voters in passing Proposition 2.

2. The Health Risk Assessment question around substance use disorder is a good question to ask. The only problem I see with it is do we have the resources to handle the problem as it now exists. However this is a step in the right direction. The provision to seek a waiver to develop resources and infrastructure to treat these patients would help with this.
3. I agree totally with Section 4 paragraph 3 that there should be no delay in starting this program on 1 January 2020 if CMS fails to approve any proposed waivers to this plan. This meets the spirit of Proposition 2 as passed by Idaho's citizens.

In summary, I would ask for favorable consideration of SB 1204 if Medicaid Expansion sideboards are believed to be necessary .

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further help on this issue.

Ted

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**From:** idahoafp@aol.com  
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**To:** Margaret Major  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 1204

March 21, 2019

Senator Fred Martin  
Chair, Senate Health and Welfare Committee  
Senate Health and Welfare Committee Members

Dear Chairman Martin and Members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee;

On behalf of the 800 members of Idaho Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) and the IAFP Board of Directors, I would like to express support for Senate Bill 1204.

Not only have more than 61% of Idahoans supported Medicaid expansion on Prop 2 but a recent poll reveals 74% want an unmodified Medicaid expansion, including 93% of family doctors here in Idaho.

Senate Bill 1204 is consistent with the will of Prop 2 voters. Idahoans want a clean law with less bureaucratic overreach. Voluntary work promotion has been proven to assist Medicaid recipients in increasing their work status. The Montana model of work promotion, HELP-Link, has been shown to help those looking for work or better jobs a mechanism to services such as career training, educational opportunities and career counseling. Eighty-one percent of HELP-Link participants were employed in 2017 and 71% of participants have increased wage earnings after completion of their training.

The HELP-Link program helps Medicaid recipients improve their long-term employability and thus reducing their reliance on financial assistance. A program similar to the Montana model can work here in Idaho too.

Thank you for your consideration and the work you do to keep our citizens healthy.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Lori Burelle (lburelle) <lburelle@micron.com>  
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**To:** Margaret Major  
**Subject:** For distribution to the Committee re. SB1204

Good afternoon, Chairman Martin, members of the committee. My name is Lori Burelle, and I am the Legislative Chair for the Southwest Idaho Chapter of the National Organization for Women. I am writing today in support of Senate Bill 1204.

All the previous attempts to present "sideboards" for Medicaid Expansion in the legislature this session have involved expensive mandates and complicated bureaucracy. The Idaho solution offered in Senator Martin's bill, however, is reasonably priced and is designed to give people a hand up without creating burdensome paperwork for Idaho citizens.

Our members worked very hard to make Medicaid Expansion a reality in this great State, and we are gratified that this bill will handle the Expansion in a way that works for Idaho and Idahoans. Our chapter urges this committee to please send Senate bill 1204 to the floor with a Do Pass Recommendation.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (208) 859-5464.

Sincerely,

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