Dear Editor:

It has continued to puzzle me why the Missouri Legislature has failed to approve Medicaid Expansion. It makes no sense.

Every reputable study shows Medicaid Expansion would be a huge help to Missouri by helping to provide health insurance for an estimated 230,000 Missourians who are currently uninsured or under-insured.

They say adding people who make up to 138 percent of the federal poverty rate, would likely not cost Missouri extra funds because the state would receive increased federal funding under federal Medicaid Expansion.
Literally, Missouri is LOSING money because we have not expanded Medicaid in our state.

The urgency of the situation has only increased as COVID-19 unemployment grows and people lose insurance through their jobs.

Missouri’s hospital system and its ability to deal with COVID-19 has been seriously compromised by the closures of rural hospitals because of the lack of Medicaid Expansion.

To continue to deny Medicaid Expansion because of GOP politics is not only wrong, it is immoral and continues to cost hundreds, even thousands, of Missourians their lives.

The Missouri Legislature must approve Medicaid Expansion NOW! November and after will be too late for thousands of Missourians. When it is approved by the people, it had better be totally supported by the leaders who are elected to serve the people.

I am tired of politics which only hurt people.

I am not the only one.

Sincerely,

Tammy Harty

Candidate for the

Missouri Senate 2020

And more importantly, a Missourian who loves her fellow Missourians

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