

AFP APPLAUDS DEFEAT OF OBAMA'S MEDICAID EXPANSION

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SALT LAKE CITY – Today, Americans for Prosperity Utah is applauding the state legislature's defeat of Obama's Medicaid Expansion. The proposal, also known as UtahAccessPlus, was rejected today after receiving seven votes from the 63 GOP House Republicans in the three-hour closed-door meeting.

AFP's Utah chapter led the way in educating and engaging citizens to defeat this risky plan. Americans for Prosperity volunteers sent over 700 letters to their legislators, knocked 5,000 doors, and made over 10,000 phone calls asking their state representatives to vote NO on the proposal.

State Director Evelyn Everton had the following to say:

“This is a victory for patients and for taxpayers all across our state. We commend the legislators who today stood with their constituents to say that Utah has had enough Obamacare.”

“We thank our 16,000 in-state volunteers for their hard work opposing this plan, whether it was writing letters, calling lawmakers or taking their message door-to-door. The plan would have raised the costs of healthcare for everyone by passing a new tax on healthcare providers and the sick, while putting the state's budget in serious risk.”

“We're excited to see the legislature do the right thing and look forward to continue to elevate prosperity across our great state.”

Other states who have embraced Obamacare's Medicaid expansion under the promise of flexibility from the federal government, now find themselves facing multi-million dollar budget deficits and a federal partner who makes all the rules. The Utah Legislature was wise to say no to the lure of free money from Washington that will later cost every other state priority, from education to public safety.

The Utah chapter of Americans for Prosperity has been a long-time advocate of stopping Obama's Medicaid Expansion. Over the past months, the organization has actively engaged the legislature and organized citizens through a wall-to-wall effort that included advertising, digital and social media content, direct mail, phone banks and door-to-door canvassing and more.