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## We've Gone 1,944 Days without Expanding Medicaid

Fitchburg – Refusing to take the Medicaid Expansion has cost Wisconsin over \$1 billion dollars and denied health insurance to 80,000 Wisconsinites. In response, Rep. Anderson released the following statement.

"It's been 1,944 days since Wisconsin has been eligible to take federal dollars to expand healthcare coverage. That's not just healthcare for 80,000 people it's money for programs that would end the waitlist for children with disabilities to receive personal care, it's money to support the Healthy Women, Healthy Babies initiative that fights maternal and infant mortality, it's money to improve access to dental care for communities across Wisconsin.

"Wisconsinites are tired of subsidizing quality health care for our neighbors in 36 states, while getting nothing in return for thousands of families right here in Wisconsin.

"I talk about the Medicaid expansion every day because it truly is the single biggest impact we can have in people's lives. There's so much we can do to provide better healthcare to more people, while improving the overall state budget. Expanding Medicaid is a no-brainer and I'm going to fight every single day until we get this done!"



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