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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**Elijah Haahr**

State Representative
District 134

July 24, 2019

The Honorable Crystal Quade
Minority Leader of the Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 204
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Minority Leader Quade:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the number of children who are no longer enrolled in Missouri's Medicaid System. I too share your concerns, which is why:

- More than a month ago, I asked the chairman of the Subcommittee on Appropriations – Health, Mental Health, and Social Services to investigate the drop in enrollment and continue to monitor MO HealthNet.
- Upon receiving your letter Monday morning, I personally requested that Director Todd Richardson provide an updated briefing on reasons for the change in enrollment numbers to Rep. Wood and myself.
- Appointed Rep. Jon Patterson, M.D. to the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee, which held a hearing on July 23rd. Rep. Patterson also serves as Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Appropriations – Health, Mental Health, and Social Services.

Rep. Wood and Rep. Patterson have extensive knowledge of MO HealthNet and the utmost care for the most vulnerable Missourians, especially our children, that extends past partisan lines. I trust that both Rep. Wood and Rep. Patterson will continue to ensure Missouri's children receive the medical care they are entitled to. If MO HealthNet's response to my request for more details fails to adequately answer our concerns or new ones arise, I will give my full support to Rep. Wood and Rep. Patterson to hold hearings on this issue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elijah Haahr".

Elijah Haahr
Speaker of the House