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**MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES****Sarah Unsicker**91<sup>st</sup> District

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Governor Michael L. Parson  
PO Box 720  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Governor Parson:

I am writing today to encourage you to call a special session to extend the Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) tax.

As you know, the FRA tax funds a large share of our Medicaid budget. It is set to expire on September 30, 2021, unless it is renewed through legislation. It was derailed during the regular legislative session by a few senators who were attempting to use it to score political points, and it failed to pass before the Legislature adjourned sine die.

The FRA is not something that should be the subject of political games. People's lives rely on Missouri receiving this funding for Medicaid. There are currently over 1 million Missourians on the Medicaid program, including over 600,000 children.

Our acting Medicaid director, Kirk Matthews, has stated publicly that "the existence of the program will be threatened by the end of the year" if the FRA is not renewed. This would mean that those 600,000 children on the program may not be able to access asthma treatments, diabetes medication, cancer drugs, and other lifesaving medical treatments they need to survive.

You speak frequently about workforce development. These children are the workforce of the future. I urge you to call a special session quickly to renew the FRA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Unsicker".

Rep. Sarah Unsicker  
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