

# Faith Leaders for a Complete Solution to the Coverage Gap

As people of faith, we are responsible for the basic well-being of every neighbor. Accessible and affordable health care is a foundation for successful living. Please do not leave any Idahoan in the “gap”.

- *Bishop Brian Thom*

As a member of the local Mormon community, this is the kind of compassionate legislation we should be advocating for.

- *Jordan Morales*

Jesus said, “Whenever you do so to the least of these, you do unto me.”

- *Rev. Kathy Raines*

As a physician whose medical career was dedicated to research, teaching, and the care of veterans at the VA Medical Center in Boise, I strongly support making affordable health care accessible to all people in Idaho and the United States. I believe that health care is something to which all human beings, including the underprivileged, are entitled. It is the moral duty and responsibility of our society to ensure that the health care needs of the members of our society are met with efficiency, quality, and compassion.

- *Robert Vestal, MD*

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America believes that the role of the church and its leaders is to reach out a hand and help uplift the needs of the underprivileged people of Idaho and elsewhere in our nation and around the world.

- *Rev. Stan Hoobing*

What is loving God? It's taking care of others. This we must do.

- *Susan Matsuura*

At Corpus Christi House in Boise we serve over 100 people each day. Some of them have Medicare or Medicaid but most have neither. Each year we hold about 200 memorial services for those guests that have died. In some instances their deaths are due to a lack of early medical care because of being part of the uninsured 78,000 Idahoans they cannot afford treatment. These deaths are just a small part of what is going on through our state.

As a compassionate citizen, I need to be aware of this suffering, as a Christian I need to pray for our neighbors who are suffering, and as a disciple I need to act to bring about the change that is needed to end this suffering”

- *Henry Krewer*

This is probably the most important and farthest reaching legislation that Idaho could pass this year. It costs little and does so much.

- *Robert Gehrke*

We cannot ignore or leave behind the most vulnerable among us. As a Minister my faith teaches me to stand on the side of Love with those who need our care and support.

- *Rev. Sara LaWall*

The wise choice is to not pay attention to the chattering from national politics and to do the right thing for Idaho. Closing the gap will reduce costs to the taxpayers and give people in need the healthcare they need. Pretty straight forward if you ask me.

- *Dave Green*

As a member of the United Methodist Church, I take the teachings from our “Social Principles” very seriously--most of the principles I agree with and follow in my daily living. I agree with the statement found in our Social Principles that health care for everyone is a human right. I disagree with the use of the term “entitlement” being used as a way to justify not covering the 78,000 Idahoans with health care because of their life's circumstances falling into the “gap”. These Idahoans have the human right to access to comprehensive health care.

- *Judy Halverson*

Access to adequate health care for ALL Idaho citizens is both a great ethical AND economic decision. Citizens cannot contribute to the vitality of Idaho if they are ill. Helping citizens take care of health issues when they initially arise is so much less expensive than government paying for crisis care when health problems have escalated. Idaho has already benefited from lower health costs from the introduction of the exchange. Providing a wider net of health coverage will only increase these benefits.

- *Jeannette Bowman*

This is so important to helping Idaho people.

- *Rev. Lyn Stangland Cameron*

The Healthy Idaho Plan is what we need. Please don't go home without doing something meaningful about the 78,000 uninsured.

- *Muriel Roberts*

It's the right thing to do.

- *Jo-Ann Kachigian*