

February 21, 2019

Senator Mike Hilgers, Chair
Executive Board of the Legislative Council
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: Support of LB 631

Dear Senator Hilgers and Members of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council:

During the last five fiscal years Lancaster County spent \$12,072,563 on the medical needs of general assistance clients. Raising the threshold for receiving Medicaid to 138% of the federal poverty level, as required with the adoption of Initiative 427, will virtually eliminate the County's general assistance medical obligations. This will result in a potential savings of more than \$2.41 million per year for Lancaster County property taxpayers.

The Nebraska voters have clearly expressed their will with the passage of Initiative 427. It is now time for the Legislature to honor the will of the voters by implementing expanded Medicaid as expeditiously as possible. Accordingly, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners supports LB 631.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Brinkman, Chair
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

cc: Senator Adam Morfeld