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To: Members of the House Interim Committee on Medicaid Transformation  
Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Transformation and Reform

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to invite you and your colleagues on the House and Senate Interim Committees on Medicaid Transformation and Reform to join me on Tuesday, November 26 for a discussion about reforming our state's health care system to provide better outcomes for patients and better returns for taxpayers.

While we can be proud of the progress we have made to help our constituents lead healthier and more productive lives, from helping children with autism get proven treatment to providing better care to Missourians with developmental disabilities, in too many areas our health care system still falls short of delivering the quality, affordable and accountable care Missourians need and deserve.

This is an important issue, so I appreciate the time and effort your committee has dedicated to exploring the strengths and weaknesses of our current system and the innovative models being pursued in other states so that we may devise the best approach for Missouri. Over the summer, members of the House Working Group on Medicaid Eligibility and Reform also heard from Missourians across our state who spoke clearly about the benefits a stronger Medicaid system would yield for our economy and for the hundreds of thousands of working Missourians who need health insurance coverage.

As the interim committees begin to wrap up their work, it is my hope that this meeting will give us an opportunity to engage in a thoughtful, productive discussion about charting the best course forward on one of the most pressing issues we will face next session. In addition to presenting my ideas for making our health care system more efficient and effective, I look forward to taking your questions and hearing about what you have learned through this process.

Please RSVP to Sharon Brauner (573-751-4345; sharon.brauner@mo.gov) in the Governor's office. I look forward to your attendance and participation at our meeting, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Governor Office Building at 200 Madison Street in Jefferson City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon".

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor