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February 1, 2021

Honorable Steve Barnett  
Secretary of State  
500 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Attorney General's Statement (Medicaid expansion constitutional amendment)

Dear Secretary Barnett,

Enclosed is a copy of a proposed constitutional amendment, in final form, that the sponsor submitted to this Office. In accordance with state law, I hereby file the enclosed Attorney General's Statement for this amendment.

By copy of this letter, I am providing a copy of the Statement to the sponsor.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason R. Ravensborg".

Jason R. Ravensborg  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Enc.

CC/encl. Laurie Jensen Wunder

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STATEMENT

Title: An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution expanding Medicaid eligibility.

Explanation:

Medicaid is a program, funded by the State and the federal government, to provide medical coverage for low-income people who are in certain designated categories. This constitutional amendment expands Medicaid eligibility in South Dakota. It requires the State to provide Medicaid benefits to any person over age 18 and under 65 whose income is at or below 133% of the federal poverty level, plus 5% of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size, as provided in federal law. For people who qualify under this amendment, the State may not impose burdens or restrictions that are greater than those imposed on any other person eligible for Medicaid benefits under South Dakota law.

The South Dakota Department of Social Services must submit to the federal government all documentation required to implement this amendment, and must take all actions necessary to maximize federal funding for this expansion.