

Supervisors right to reject Medicaid resolution

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Kudos to the Manitowoc County Board Supervisors for rejecting a resolution authorizing an advisory referendum concerning federal funding of Badger Care (more appropriately, Medicaid). This is a partisan issue, according to Supervisor Dave Dyzak, that should not be dealt with by a non-partisan county board. I agree.

While county supervisors may have their own personal opinions on the issue of accepting federal dollars for the state to expand Medicaid in Wisconsin, those opinions should be kept to themselves. Unfortunately, those who are proponents of the referendum just don't understand that "free" money from the feds isn't free. Yes, the federal dollars are estimated to "save" the state somewhere around \$300 million during the 2015-17 budget, but then what? Short-term enticements always have long-term consequences.

It's amazing that politicians and citizens don't mind receiving someone else's money (taxpayer dollars) if it positively impacts their own state. But if after the money is spent and the state then needs to increase taxes to cover operating costs, those same people are the first to point fingers.

When are we going to admit that we have a \$17 trillion federal debt that is not sustainable, and handouts to the states are only going to make it worse? This is all political ideology and designed to buy votes in the future.

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