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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO URGE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RETURN CERTAIN  
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20 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Human Services estimates that  
21 Medicaid expansion will increase federal spending to the State of Arkansas by  
22 nine hundred twenty-six million dollars (\$926,000,000); and

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24 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration  
25 estimates that the state receives approximately one dollar and forty-one  
26 cents (\$1.41) for every one dollar (\$1.00) paid by the state to the federal  
27 government; and

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29 WHEREAS, the application of the ratio of Arkansas taxes paid to federal  
30 income received will require the federal government to use six hundred sixty-  
31 one million dollars (\$661,000,000) received from the state for the expansion;  
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34 WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution reserves  
35 all rights to the states that are not expressly delegated to the United  
36 States Congress,



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NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT if the State of Arkansas elects not to participate in the proposed  
Medicaid expansion, the six hundred sixty-one million dollars (\$661,000,000)  
the federal government received from the state be returned to the state to be  
used for the following purposes:

- (1) Seventy-four million dollars (\$74,000,000) to be dedicated  
to the elimination of the sales and use tax on food and food ingredients; and
- (2) Five hundred eighty-seven million dollars (\$587,000,000) to  
be dedicated to reducing the state income tax by approximately twenty-five  
percent (25%).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate urges the United States Congress  
to apply all funds that would have been used for administrative costs in  
implementing the Medicaid expansion to the federal debt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon the adoption of this resolution, the  
Chief Clerk of the Senate shall mail a copy of this resolution to each member  
of the Arkansas congressional delegation, the Speaker of the United States  
House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the United States  
Senate.