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Stand for Children Contributes to Effort to Stop Medicaid Referendum

Phoenix, Ariz. – Stand for Children, a nonprofit, nonpartisan education advocacy organization, contributed to the Restoring Arizona efforts to help ensure that Medicaid Restoration goes into effect as intended when signed by Governor Brewer last month.

Liliana Hutcheson, a Stand for Children organizer states, “This is an issue our members are very concerned about and one we will continue working on until the restoration accomplishes its desired intention of providing healthcare to the state’s most vulnerable and protecting public dollars that can be used more effectively towards things such as education funding.”

In addition to providing much needed healthcare to Arizonans across the state, Medicaid Restoration also saves the state’s general fund over 1 billion dollars - funds which can be allocated towards multiple areas including education. John Fisher, Stand for Children’s Executive Director wrote about Stand’s support for Medicaid for this very reason in this [My Turn Column](#), published by the *Arizona Republic*.

Stand for Children contributed to the Restoring Arizona efforts, and will continue talking about restoration to its members and the broader community in order to build awareness about the importance of it going into effect to protect Arizona’s healthcare future, and to stabilize the budget allowing for fiscal allocation to other priority areas, such as education.

“A majority of those elected to serve Arizona supported Medicaid Restoration because their constituents did, and because it was the right thing to do for Arizona,” said Fisher. “We are proud to partner with the Restoring Arizona Coalition to ensure that the will of the people is carried out and school funding is protected - it is something that just makes sense.”

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About Stand for Children Arizona

Stand for Children Arizona is a nonprofit, nonpartisan education advocacy organization which works to ensure all children regardless of their background, graduate from high school prepared for and with access to college. We do this by educating, empowering, and mobilizing parents, educators, and community members to actively engage in the education conversation in their communities and at the ballot box to demand excellent public schools. To learn more about Stand for Children Arizona visit www.stand.org/az