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Happy Tuesday, y'all.

Trust preparations are going well for the final weeks of this year's budget fun – happily the end is almost in sight (so we can start all over...2 yr budget cycle anyone?! J).

At any rate, just wanted to check in on the following (Christian – know you said it was currently with scheduling and that is awesome, thank you!).

One thing we want to be sure of is that we give sufficient lead time for staff-level policy collaboration to happen before the principals are in a room...and with the next round of the Medicaid battle just short months away, the countdown is on.

With that in mind, my question today: if comfortable with the basic outline, would Gov. Haley be willing to begin making calls this week or next to a targeted handful of her fellow Governor's to get their conceptual buy-in for the project? That way, we could begin staff work, even as we continue to look for a date to get everyone together.

If she is willing, we'd be happy to compile and send very brief backgrounders for the suggested calls, if that's helpful.

Just let me know what y'all think/how I can help...and thanks!

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From: Ellen Weaver
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Gents,

Hope this finds you well. Wanted to follow up on the conversation DeMint and Gov. Haley had when they met re: the idea of convening some Governor's in SC to talk about how we build a reform coalition of Gov's to try to push back in a unified way on the Medicaid/Obamacare narrative with proactive, state-based policy innovations.

With DeMint's permission, I touched base with the folks at the newly formed Liberty Foundation of America (<http://libertyfound.org/>) who are collaborating with the Foundation for Gov't Accountability (<http://www.floridafga.org/>) on the Medicaid Cure project (<http://www.medicaidcure.org/>). Bottom line: think these are some of the top folks leading the charge from a STATE perspective.

DeMint has suggested that the Liberty Foundation (rather than Heritage or some other DC-based group) take the lead on organizing this and the first step of course would be getting on the Governor's schedule...quickly followed by finding out who their key policy point people are so that some tough, staff-level work can be done ahead of the big bosses getting together. We don't want this to just be more meeting for meeting's sake! (As an aside, DeMint would still want to be very involved at the policy level and I believe would plan to attend if his schedule worked out...he just doesn't want this to look like the effort is being driven out of DC.)

I've attached a very short proposal based on the first call that we had to discuss this idea.

My ask of you all: Governor Haley indicated she'd be willing to invite her fellow Governor's if we could get something like this together. Based on all this information, would she be willing to make those calls to the suggested Governor's next week? (DeMint said he'd be happy for his name to be used of courses.)

We believe that starting with the Medicaid expansion issue specifically, this core group of Governor's could actually develop into a new kind of state health-freedom caucus for the country.

Let me know what y'all think...we just want to make sure that if Gov. Haley is on board to move ahead that we start getting on the other Gov's calendars ASAP!

Thanks so much,

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