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Our Grandstanding Governor¹

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Our grandstanding governor wants to spend our tax dollars to send police to Texas and Arizona to help two other grandstanding governors “protect our borders.” He has no idea how much this will cost and beyond his say-so there’s no evidence that this expense has anything to do with protecting Floridians.

If Gov. Ron DeSantis were interested saving the lives of Floridians instead of cheap political stunts, he would take advantage of the Medicaid expansion available under the Affordable Care Act. The federal government pays 95% of the cost, and it would save thousands of Floridians from dying prematurely and unnecessarily

According to [a 2019 study](#) by the non-partisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the refusal of Florida governors and legislators to expand Medicaid has caused nearly 3,000 such unnecessary deaths over four years. Their blood is on the hands of DeSantis, Rick Scott, and their minions in the legislature.

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