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Editor

Poor economics

President George W. Bush before he was elected said he did not want to balance the budget on the backs of the poor. The current crop of Congressmen seem intent on doing so. I hope they will give some thought to the impact that cutting federal spending on the poor has on those who sell to the poor.

The poor don't eat Food Stamps. They eat food grown by farmers and sold by grocery stores. Virtually every dollar the federal government spends on Food Stamps provides revenue and jobs for those who make and market the food. The same is true of healthcare. Doctors and hospitals depend on the revenue they receive for providing healthcare to those who lack the money to pay for it themselves. That revenue goes into their bottom line balance sheet. Without it, the price of health care is likely to rise for everyone else now to make up the lost revenue. Fewer doctors will work in poor rural areas and some hospitals may go under in rural areas like El Dorado County.

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