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north Omaha, 36th and Cuming, which is near north Omaha, and the Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center at 26th and J in Omaha. There are many, many locations, not just one, and once you have these services up and running, I think it's really important to continue to do that. And as...I agree with Senator Janssen that it's good to have more, and I would hope that the department would look to those areas where there are gaps. But when you look at the map from yesterday, gee, I...I thought there were like huge areas that were...and really, it's only the sparsely populated areas of the state that don't. And with another \$250,000 from Senator Janssen, clearly some of those areas could be served, but it's even going to be difficult. One of the gap areas, the city of Thedford, you know, it's a small-population area.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: But hopefully, we'll be able to find a way to serve that area, too. I have some questions for Senator Foley. I don't know if I can do it in one minute, but I think I'll just put my light on and answer (sic) those again, because I'm getting conflicting information about what his intent here is. I would think that he would support Senator Janssen's amendment, because what he wants to do is have more providers, and this does it. This is what he said he wanted. The fact that he doesn't like the current providers is a little different from what he was saying yesterday about wanting to have more providers in more areas of the state. So when I put my light on next, I want to be able to discuss that with him, because I want to make it clear that we all understand what this was brought for was allegedly to open this up, to make sure more...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...areas of the state are served. And I think maybe yesterday we didn't have all the information. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Stuthman.