



Dear Member of the Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission:

As the CEO of Southside Regional Medical Center in Petersburg, I am writing to ask for your support of Medicaid expansion simultaneously with the ongoing reforms the Department of Medicaid Services has launched. As a community hospital, we are one of the largest employers in our county. The viability of our institution and our ability to be a significant, continuing contributor to our county's overall well-being will be enhanced through Medicaid expansion.

Southside Regional Medical Center believes that all Virginians deserve affordable health care. With appropriate reforms and expansion, 250,000 more Virginians will have access to health care and this will ultimately generate savings for the Commonwealth. The level of uninsured in our rural community translates into our hospital providing \$80.5 million in indigent/uncompensated care last year alone.

Expansion will enable access to much needed care and alleviate mandatory cuts to provider rates and the health care safety net, as well as newly imposed taxes and fees. When individuals have access to primary care and preventative treatments they are healthier and more productive citizens of the Commonwealth.

I urge each of you to consider expansion now, both to provide much needed access to care and to address key inefficiencies in our health care system.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Yungmann", written over a white background.

Michael Yungmann
CEO, Southside Regional Medical Center