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The Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission
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Dear Chairman Hanger and Members:

My name is Albert Z Lewis, born in North Carolina but now a Virginia resident, living with my wife in Arlington Virginia for the last 30 years and a little more, having raised our three kids in the public schools, and traveled all over our beautiful state, and enjoyed our mountains, lakes and rivers and beaches with our various friends, down at Smith Mountain lake, or out in Norfolk, Manassas, and other points around the state. We have friends who visit from all over this country, and we try to explain the unique qualities that make Virginia Virginia.

I am also the managing attorney for our law firm in Washington DC and employ several Virginia residents, and care about their success in their residence.

I cannot understand how it helps to deny the poor and needy healthcare, or that somehow it helps small business, such as ours, to perpetuate a two or three tier health system, utterly uneconomical due to a mystifying and vicious private insurance market, creating bad health and difficult work environments for anybody who tries to make sense of how our healthcare system works, thinking to score political points by giving up on "federal" programs, and losing all kinds of money, and the jobs that go with it, because of that hated label.

I strongly support the United States as well as Virginia, and I believe in our Union, and Virginia's honored history in shaping our Union. Virginia is NOT Texas, yet some supposed Virginians forget our proud Jeffersonian and Madisonian heritage and act like the Wild West was some kind of Nirvana of gun-toting, arrogant, bitterly superior justice and healthcare for the few. Virginia is better than that.

Please support and expand Virginia's participation in our needed national healthcare system, help our economy, all our Virginians, for all the good reasons I am sure you have heard over and over. And ignore all those "No-Sayers" who frankly don't know much about business or economics or common sense.

Sincerely, Albert Z. Lewis