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Medicaid in Virginia

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The attached is for the members of the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission. Thank you.

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TO: Chairman Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
Vice-Chairman R. Steven Landes
Members of the Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission

I appreciate the opportunity to have my voice heard regarding the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia.

While I am fortunate enough to have a husband who earned quality health coverage for me and our family by serving 31 years in the Navy, I have worked with many Virginians whom, through no fault of their own, were unable to provide so well for their families. With your help, 400,000 uninsured Virginians will be able to get the coverage they desperately need but cannot afford right now.

The Disproportionate Share Hospital payments to be made to safety-net hospitals in Virginia will be cut under the Affordable Care Act, whether or not the state accepts the Medicaid dollars. Without the extra funds, those hospitals won't be able to continue to help those with no other place to turn.

We're sending enough money to the federal government without getting anything in return. This is not only a way to remedy that problem, but also a way to bring tens of thousands of new jobs to the state.

You and your committee members have worked hard on this important matter. I support the legislature and the Governor's efforts to reform Medicaid and expand the program in Virginia.

Thank you for your time.

Barbara Tourtelot

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