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Hello,

I moved to Virginia three years ago from New York to seek higher quality of life and a lower tax burden. The fact I am from New York is only relevant because for the last seven years I have worked in the finance and IT side of healthcare, giving me a nice "birds eye" view of the system.

As you may or may not know NY is buckling under its Medicaid obligations. It's expenses continually grow while the provider system cannot keep pace. I also wish to point out the federal governments promise to pay 90% of all new enrollees sounds nice on paper, but we all know the likelihood of Washington meeting that obligation is unlikely.

There is also once other issue I wish to bring up; does the federal government also promise to pay 90% of the cost of would be enrollees future children and their children? It is not uncommon in NY to see three generations on Medicaid.

I beg of you to realize Medicaid expansion is a Pandora's box; once you open it you will have multiple generations of new enrollees without the means to pay for them. And a lot of these new enrollees will be on Medicaid for life.

Costs will rise, the state budget will falter, and in the end we will have little to show for it but more and more people on public assistance.

It is far better to NOT expand Medicaid and let Maryland draw off the population seeking public assistance since they are a net drag on a states economy anyway. if anything Virginia should be scaling Medicaid back forward, not even considering expanding it.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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