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**About file** - I am fully in favor of Medicaid expansion in Virginia. I have a number of friends & acquaintances who do not have any health insurance at all. Some of them are too proud to go to free clinics, or even the ER when they should. Sadly, one of my dearest friends died of pneumonia, because he tried to treat himself. You might as well say that he died of poverty, in the midst of plenty. It is shocking to me that we allow our fellow citizens to suffer without decent medical care. I feel very lucky, because I have top-notch insurance, as does my diabetic husband & my 19-year-old daughter. Why should we be so well cared for when our friends and neighbors have to go without? Decent basic healthcare should be considered a right, not the privilege of the lucky few. In addition, it would be utterly foolish for Virginia to refuse this expansion, since the federal government will bear most of the costs. It's a no-brainer, in my opinion.