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Doris Crouse-Mays, *President* ■ C. Ray Davenport, *Secretary-Treasurer*

October 16th

Dear Honorable Members, Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission (MIRC),

The Virginia AFL-CIO represents over 150,000 workers and retirees from all over the Commonwealth. While most of our members benefit from having union contracts that guarantee them health insurance, we know there are too many Virginia workers without insurance. These are our neighbors, family and friends who live one accident or illness away from bankruptcy. Taking this opportunity to expand Medicaid will bring relief from the stress, anxiety and danger of being uninsured for hundreds of thousands of Virginians.

The Medicaid expansion provides a rare opportunity to cover up to 40% of all uninsured Virginians with a significant investment of federal dollars in Virginia, and the creation of 30,000 good jobs over the next 10 years.

On behalf of our members, I am writing to ask that you support the expansion of Medicaid. The budget conferees spent a long time and worked extremely hard to arrive at language that all could agree to.

It is fair and reasonable to require reforms that lower costs and the budget language spells out those necessary changes. Importantly, the language also includes a clear path for moving forward with expansion. It would be reckless to delay action that provides insurance for 300,000 uninsured Virginians.

Sincerely,

Doris Crouse-Mays
President

C. Ray Davenport
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