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## I support expanding Medicaid to 400,000 Virginians

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Virginia Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission  
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Dear Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission,

I support expanding Medicaid in Virginia for several reasons.

We have an opportunity to partner with the federal government in a way that benefits both the Commonwealth and its citizens. The loss to the state treasury of these monies will be substantial if we do not take advantage of this.

Providing health care, in a proven efficient way, to those who will benefit the most, is smart. Healthy citizens are able to work, provide for their families and participate in our communities. Healthy children learn better, are not a cost to private hospitals and medical services, and are less likely to develop long-term health issues which are a burden to the state and our communities the rest of their lives.

Providing health care access in this way removes the burden from small employers, thus enabling them to stay competitive in the job marketplace.

Sincerely,

Eddie Patterson

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