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## Expansion

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To: Members of the MIRC Commission <vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov>

Dear Members of the MIRC Commission,

Dear MIRC:

I am a healthcare worker in an imaging department of a small, community hospital. In our area of north central VA, healthcare costs have already been cut and staff pared to such a degree that patient care and staff responsiveness to patient concerns and needs is already becoming an issue. There is nowhere else to find the additional cuts needed to offset the pending Medicare/Medicaid payment reductions.

I know that you feel that healthcare workers deserve a fair and livable wage. The commission needs to consider patient welfare and institute the Medicaid expansion as proposed. If the commission does not wish to do this, or if it is just not fiscally possible to press forward with this expansion at this time, then the legislature needs to institute tort reform or a liability waiver to protect the healthcare institutions from legal actions from dissatisfied patients. (This should be considered anyway for patients who are getting their healthcare for free - like in countries with nationalized healthcare.)

Good luck on an incredibly difficult decision - we need strong leadership at times like these.

Sincerely,

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