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Comment - Dear Commission Members, I am writing to you today to request that you NOT expand Medicaid in Virginia. I am a young American and a low-income individual. I do not have health insurance. By reading this, you are probably thinking that I am someone who would be in favor of receiving Medicaid. Well, the answer is NO, I do not want to receive Medicaid because that would make me dependent on government to provide for my healthcare. Sure, I would like very much to see a doctor, but not at the expense of my own freedom. What I want is a job -- and not necessarily a job that provides health insurance, because I don't want my employer involved in my medical care, either, except for providing payment if I am injured on the job, which I do not expect to happen, because I make it a point to follow the recommendations of the safety team. There are two reasons I don't want the government paying for my healthcare. The first is that there is simply not enough money. I don't want them to raise someone's taxes to pay for my healthcare. That goes against everything I believe in, which is economic freedom and NOT socialism. I will gladly accept gifts from anyone who wishes to help me out personally, but I do not at all believe in forcing them to do so. Generosity comes from the heart. Redistribution of wealth only sows bitterness and discord, and America is divided enough already. And even if they did try to tax the rich to make up the difference, there still would not be enough money to take care of everyone, so they would have to ration care, which leads me to my second point. The second reason I don't want the government paying for my healthcare is because I would become dependent on a bureaucrat to make decisions regarding my health, and ultimately, my life. I don't want to live in a system where I can be denied treatment because the authorities don't deem it necessary or worth it. I have an inherent, God-given right to life, and I deserve to live, no matter what any man says! All my life I have been struggling to survive, and I refuse to let any man or any government entity take that life away from me! Some of you may not believe me, but I urge you to really examine the long-term impact of what you are trying to do. You know as well as I do that the money from the federal government is not guaranteed to continue, and even if it was, that guarantee would be meaningless because they are 17 trillion dollars in debt and sinking ever faster. Please, be honest with yourselves and be honest with the people of Virginia. A temporary handout will not help anyone if it is just going to go away after a few years. It will be much better to just leave the money in the hands of the citizens so that they can do with it as they see fit, and so that they can invest in their communities and grow the economy from the ground up. Yes, health care DOES need to be reformed. The PPACA did nothing to fix the problem; this law is only making everything worse. Please work for sensible market-based solutions that will reduce the cost of health care for all. Thank you.