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Virginia Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission VA

Dear Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission,

I'm writing to let you know that I strongly support Medicaid expansion in Virginia. Virginia will

pay more for Medicaid in the near term if it chooses not to expand the Medicaid program.

At the same time, the Commonwealth would forgo estimated economic benefits from expanding Medicaid that would be more than four times those from opting out of the expansion.

Expanding Medicaid under the federal Affordable Care Act would generate an economic benefit to the state of nearly \$4 billion a year over the next six years, and would produce almost 31,000 jobs.

Finally, the cost to the Virginia budget of expanding Medicaid would be about 7 percent less than if Virginia opted out of the expansion.

WHY WOULD WE (continue to) OPT OUT!?!?!? The only reason I can see is partisan politics.

Please do the right thing for the residents of Virginia, and expand Medicaid.

Sincerely,

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