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Dear Commission Members,

I am not in support of the extension of Medicaid in Virginia at this time. It is my belief that this proposal will bankrupt our state as I do not think the federal government can sustain the payment for the expansion. Currently, we are \$16.7 trillion in debt and have had no budget for the past six years. Where will the money come from to pay for this expansion? Also, many doctors are now refusing to take new Medicaid patients due to the tremendous burden of paperwork and low reimbursement. This will mean that those doctors who do take Medicaid patients will be so booked with appointments that all patients will have to wait a long time for an appointment. I do not believe that an expansion of Medicaid is right for Virginia now. Too many times I have seen the greedy push for federal dollars that look great in the beginning, but all too soon, these dollars are gone and we taxpayers are burdened with more taxes to continue the service. Add my name to the long list of those in opposition to the expansion of Medicaid and to the Affordable Care Act. I pray that all on the commission will consider all aspects of this expansion and not be persuaded by the glow of federal dollars to accept a plan that will destroy our balanced budget in VA and our wonderful health care system.

Thank you for your service to Virginia.

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