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Dear members of the Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission,

Thank you for the chance to comment on the recent work of the commission.

Everyone deserves basic access to health care. People should not have to choose between food and medicine. People should not have to choose between going to the doctor and paying the rent. With Medicare expansion, there are 400,000 uninsured Virginians who would be now be eligible for coverage that they so desperately need. This coverage can help hardworking Virginians who cannot afford coverage to stay healthy and/or manage their health issues. Coverage that helps folks stay healthy ultimately saves money and lives, since untreated medical issues leads to lost work and more expensive health care costs.

In addition to providing coverage to those who desperately need coverage but cannot afford it, this coverage helps fill the gaps for our providers that been affected by recent cuts to Medicare and the Disproportionate Share Hospital payments. It will help boost Virginia economy by creating new jobs. It will help our economy and our citizenry become more healthy.

I urge the commission to stand up for Virginia families and help those who cannot currently afford quality, affordable health care coverage by taking advantage of the federal monies to expand Medicaid in Virginia.

Sincerely,

Kara McClurken