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Comment - Dear Chairman Hanger and Members of the Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission: • Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the recent work of the Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission (MIRC). • I am a private citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia. • We support the compromise language of the General Assembly and agreed upon by the Governor, to first reform Medicaid and then to expand. • 400,000 uninsured individuals will now receive access to quality coverage they so desperately need. A majority of these individuals are hard working employed Virginians who don't make enough to buy coverage. • With recent cuts to Medicare payments and Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments under the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid expansion is needed to fill the gaps for providers and our safety net. • Virginia taxpayers are paying for other states to take advantage of the federal money to expand Medicaid. We are sending about \$2 billion to Washington a year and receiving nothing in return. If we expand Medicaid, Virginia will see \$2.6 billion in 2015 alone returned to the where it belongs. • In addition, Medicaid expansion will boost the economy by creating 30,000 new jobs. • I believe that we have a duty to care for the poor among us. Also, people need to be healthy in order to contribute to our economy. • I urge you to stand up for Virginians and their families and take action to expand Medicaid. • Thank you, • Karen Sanderlin