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Comment - I think health insurance for everyone is a noble thought and, on the surface, appears to be the right thing to do. But, I think we need to take a long and hard look at whether Medicaid expansion is truly attainable from a fiscal standpoint. I would cast a slanted eye toward any projections coming out of Washington that promise partial funding of any part of this into the future. It would be foolish to depend on financial support from any institution with a debt of \$16 trillion. I think we would also do well to take lots of advice from our folks in the healthcare industry that are knowledgeable in the area of medicaid expansion. From those I have spoken with, they seem to consider reform necessary but expansion dangerous. And while it is a noble thought to help everyone get insurance, it is equally unwise to put the financial stability of the commonwealth of Virginia in a compromised position, particularly considering the sequestration and the looming impact it will have on State revenues in the future. None of these things are free.