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I support expanding Medicaid to 400,000 Virginians

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Virginia Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission
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Dear Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission,

My ideal community would be an Amish one, where everyone works hard around the home or in the nearby fields all day and is always available to pitch in to help each other. I don't live a life like that, however: My husband and I have worked our whole married lives outside the home, commuted many miles to work, all the while raising our family and making ourselves available in the wee minutes left over to catch up with and support family and friends. I believe that most Americans live lives more or less like ours and that, therefore, there are just not the vast numbers of us necessary to minister in any kind of reliable, ongoing way to the sick and the needy among us in our communities, in our state, or in our country.

This is where I think government comes in: to collect in taxes from each of us fortunate enough to reap the benefits of our society the amounts necessary not only to look to those of our collective worldly needs that are larger than we can provide on our own--protecting us and our families and providing us with an infrastructure that we can make use of in our various pursuits--but also, critically, to help us do the job we are spiritually called to do--to collectively care for the less fortunate among us. These days, there are barely enough churches or nonprofits or volunteers to staff and support soup kitchens, let alone to provide health care (or housing) for the needy.

Please: Do the responsible, just thing and expand Medicaid to 400,000 Virginians.

Sincerely,

Lucy Ivey

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