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Comment - Expanding Medicaid will- Benefit community health centers. Expanding Medicaid will allow health centers to reach approximately 19.8 million new patients nationally. Failure to expand will reduce health centers' new patient care capacity by nearly 27%, a 5.3 million drop in new patients.("How the Supreme Court's Medicaid Decision May Affect Health Centers: An Early Estimate," Katherine Hayes et al.) Provide coverage for up to 400,000 Virginians, including low-income workers and veterans. ("Making the Right Choice on Medicaid," "Soldier's Misfortune," The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis) Support over 20,000 jobs in Virginia, generating an additional $530 million in state revenues and spur economic growth. ("Medicaid Expansion Would Pay For Itself," The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis) For all these reasons, expanding Medicaid is critical for Virginia's taxpayers, individuals, and families.