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Comments to the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission

Everybody is better off when everybody has health insurance.

The uninsured are better off because they get health care, especially get preventative health care, which means they don't get sick as often or die as soon.

The insured are better off because they and/or their employers save money on health insurance. They won't have to keep paying an extra thousand dollars a year as they do now, to cover the current expensive health care for the uninsured, a substantial amount of which is provided through Emergency Rooms and which is shifted to the insured because the uninsured can't pay.

Employers are better off because they get a healthier workforce with more productivity and fewer sick days and absences.

Hospitals and doctors are better off because they get more paying customers, fewer charity cases, and patients who seek treatment earlier when conditions are easier and less expensive to treat, rather than later, when they are harder and more expensive to treat.

Pharmaceutical companies are better off because they get more consumers who can afford to buy prescription drugs, reducing the volume of free drugs given away.

Virginia taxpayers are better off because our federal tax dollars will come back to Virginia to fund a Medicaid expansion, rather than our tax dollars being used to fund Medicaid expansions in other states.

Virginia's economy is better off because Medicaid expansion will add about 30,000 well-paying jobs to our economy, jobs which otherwise would be lost to other states if we don't accept 100% federal funding for the next three years and 90% federal funding thereafter.

Virginia's government leaders are better off because Medicaid expansion is the only currently existing and affordable means to provide health care to 400,000 uninsured people, primarily non-disabled parents and single adults with incomes above 30% of poverty and below 100% of poverty.

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