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## I support expanding Medicaid to 400,000 Virginians

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Michael Hudson [REDACTED]

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Reply-To: [REDACTED]

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Oct 8, 2013

Virginia Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission  
VA

Dear Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission,

My name is Michael Hudson, and I am a lifelong Virginian. I am also a Virginian who would qualify for Medicaid under the proposed expansion. I am writing to ask that you expand Medicaid to citizens like myself.

I suffer from posttraumatic stress disorder and panic attacks as a result of a traumatic brain injury sustained in 1995 as the result of a mugging while working as a delivery man in Blacksburg. I was robbed, beaten into unconsciousness and left for dead on a cold January night. Because I was working at the time of my accident Virginia's workers compensation covered my medical expenses, but only for the next 10 years.

During the robbery, my shoulder was dislocated, my jaw was broken on both sides from having my head stomped on, my kidneys were bleeding from being kicked in the back, and I suffered a few broken ribs. Since the expiration of my coverage by workers compensation, treatment for kidney stones I will likely have to pass for the rest of my life has not been out of reach, the arthritis in my shoulder continues to worsen and requires treatment and medication I cannot afford, my PTSD has gone untreated and impaired my ability to sustain a job, in the arthritis in my jaw varies from making it impossible to speak or chew to triggering migraines.

Although I was able to identify and prosecute three of my assailants, they have never amounted to enough in life to cover the ongoing expenses.

I am begging for your assistance. Please pass the Medicare expansion.

Michael Hudson  
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Blacksburg, Virginia 24063

Sincerely,

Michael Hudson

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