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**Comment** - There should be no expansion of Medicaid, or anything to facilitate implementation of "Obamacare" in Virginia. It is a program that makes absolutely no sense when you look at its "intended goals" versus the actual design and outcomes of the program. The design and provisions of Obamacare facilitate the federal government take-over of healthcare and actually undermine the quality, efficiency, availability and increase the costs of healthcare, causing more harm than good for the American people and our economy. It is a program designed to deceive the public into giving the federal government complete authority and power over its citizens, which is a dangerous scenario for all of us, especially given the examples of government abuse of power to punish its own citizens that we have already seen under the current administration (i.e., IRS, NSA, punitive closures related to the government "shut down", just to name a few). Given that the truly destructive nature of Obamacare for individual citizens, businesses, the healthcare industry, and our economy has become so obvious (extensive job cuts, conversion of full-time jobs to part time jobs, increased costs of insurance premiums that provide less coverage, loss of healthcare options, employers dropping coverage, negative impacts on healthcare providers, myriad of taxes and other added expenses), every elected official at the federal and state level should be doing everything they can to repeal and completely defund Obamacare, and should do NOTHING to support its implementation. It is government regulation, interference and "forced" behaviors that are, to a large extent, already the cause of increased costs, inefficiencies, fraud and waste in healthcare, and many other industries. Medicaid is already an inefficient, "broken" and unsustainable system that does not provide the best quality health care for its recipients. To expand this system would only compound the existing problems, explode the costs, further "overload" our weakened economic system and government debt position, and move our state and our country further in the wrong direction, down the dangerous path of economic collapse and tyranny. Instead of supporting implementation of a program (Obamacare) that should never have been approved in the first place, and that is so obviously and overwhelmingly destructive for individuals, businesses, our healthcare, and our economy, state leaders in Virginia should take the lead in looking for, and pursuing free market, patient-centered alternatives that involve the least amount of government oversight possible and actually DO IMPROVE the quality, affordability and availability of healthcare coverage and medical services. Free market initiatives that put the individual in charge of their own resources and care incentivize both businesses and individuals to pursue the best, most cost effective solutions that produce the most efficient, best quality outcomes for the majority of people.