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**Support for Medicaid expansion**

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To: vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov

Oct 14, 2013 at 2:35 PM

Please read my attached memo attesting to the importance of agreeing to Medicaid expansion for the state of Virginia.

Thank you,  
Nancy Scott



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October 14, 2013

To: Members, Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission

From: Nancy Scott, Fairfax, VA

I am writing to express my support for proceeding with Medicaid expansion in Virginia. I have been very disappointed to read of my state legislators' refusal to recognize the need for this expansion in our state.

I was born in Virginia, lived in several different states while growing up as the child of a civilian associated with the Navy Department, and then returned to Virginia for college. Since then I have taught public school and helped raise our two daughters in Virginia, a state that we all love.

As a public school teacher in Fairfax, I have been well aware of the lack of affordable health care for many of our students and their families. Without adequate health care, our families too often turn to the emergency rooms at local hospitals which are not equipped to give the primary care that is needed. The parents of my neediest students are sometimes able to obtain insurance for their children, but they lack insurance for themselves in spite of often working two jobs.

Medicaid expansion will help both our families and our providers. It would be short sighted and economically ill-advised to turn down this opportunity.

Please help me feel proud of my state by recognizing the importance of this expansion and joining the many states that have already agreed to assist their citizens by signing on to quality, affordable health care.

Thank you.

Nancy Scott

Fairfax, VA