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Dear Medicaid Innovation and Reform Committee,

I am ashamed to live in a state that has decided not to expand Medicaid and denies health care to 400,00 needy and hardworking people. I ask you to support Medicaid Reform and Expansion.

I recently read with dismay about the millions of Americans who are very poor, yet will not be able to get subsidized health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. The law assumed that these people would be covered by medicaid expansions in each state. Sadly most of the Southern states elected not to expand medicaid. I am very concerned about this large group of people who need health insurance and will not be able to afford it.

Without routine health care, these people end up much sicker and their healthcare costs are therefore much more expensive. If the people become destitute and homeless because of their healthcare costs, or the costs go unpaid, US taxpayers end up paying anyway. Our federal taxes contribute to the funding of Medicaid Expansion, but Virginia is not taking advantage of these funds.

I myself am a veterinarian. I am lucky to have health insurance (through my husband's employer). I am looking forward to being able to purchase health care through the Affordable Care Act's health care exchanges should my husband lose his job or retire.

Please be brave enough to change your minds. Reform and then expand Medicaid. It will help people who desperately need health care, it will create longterm jobs in Virginia, and it is simply the right thing to do.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Nina A. Kaplan, DVM