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## I support expanding Medicaid to 400,000 Virginians

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Virginia Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission  
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Dear Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission,

Virginians of modest means are suffering from a lack of access to health services. This creates an incentive on their part to avoid medical services that they actually need, out of fear of the cost of such services. This effectively prevents people at particular risk of long-term, chronic diseases from receiving screening and preventive services while there is still time to disrupt their decline and eventual need for expensive interventions for serious disorders that can no longer be solved but instead can only be treated to mitigate the damage or to provide "palliative" care. The best way to reduce future unnecessary medical costs of this type are to get people into screening and preventive medicine and slow or stop their deterioration while they are still relatively young and healthy (if however impoverished).

Sincerely,

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