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**First Name** - Rob**Last Name** - Abbot**Organization Name** - private citizen

**Comment** - Commissioners: Thank you for your service on this important project. The work you have done, with the assistance of Secretary Hazel and Health Department staff, has already benefitted Virginia's Medicaid program. I urge you to now proceed to a recommendation that Medicaid be expanded as called for in the Affordable Care Act. Without expansion, the goal of universal health coverage for all U.S. citizens cannot be fully realized, and without universal coverage, many of the improvements and cost controls anticipated in the ACA will be incomplete. I think you will agree that the Office of Medicaid and Medicare Services has been very responsive to Secretary Hazel's efforts to advance the goals set forth in the legislation that established Virginia's Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission. I submit to you that the good will with which the Commonwealth's reform agenda has been received offers adequate justification for proceeding to expansion in time for it to take effect in 2014. Thank you for your consideration.