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October 15, 2013

Dear Chairman Hanger and Members of the Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the recent work of the Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission (MIRC).

My name is Sonia V Hunt owner of SONIA V HUNT, ERO. I am a self-employed Tax Professional. I am writing to the members of Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission to please consider expanding Medicaid. I have so many clients that come to me that cannot qualify for Medicare or Medicaid or similar programs in the state of Virginia. A client couple I have is an example of how Medicaid can work for them: Mr. & Mrs. XX previously enjoyed an income of \$100,000 + a year, then one fateful day in 2008 an uninsured, undocumented, unlicensed illegal citizen struck Mr. XX 's truck while he was parked and Mr. XX became paralyzed from the waist down and left unable to walk and is wheelchair bound. Mr. XX lost his prestigious job, health care benefits, got only \$25,000 from his own insurance company, he still is in physical therapy unable to walk and incontinent. His wife, Mrs. XX had to quit her job to stay home and provide around the clock care. These two people were hard working, salt of the earth individuals, and pillars of their community. Now they are nearly destitute and suffering and can't afford healthcare of any sort. Their income has dropped below &26,000 and because of this they slip through the cracks of any type of assistance. This is where expansion of Medicaid can help. It can provide quality help that they so desperately need. Mr & Mrs. XX are one of many that are in this sad set of circumstances and there are 10's 1000's more in the state of Virginia.

It is my understanding that expanding Medicaid will also create jobs. We need these jobs in Virginia the lower the unemployment rate.

If there is any humanity and concern for your fellowman/woman in your hearts then please expand Medicaid. This will be the greatest gift to individuals that desperately need these services.

Sincerely,

Sonia V Hunt

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