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**First Name** - Stephanie

**Last Name** - Santiful

**Organization Name** - Virginian Citizen

**Comment** - Please read the attached letter about my story and how expanding Medicaid Expansion can and will help me and my family.



**Urgent Call for Medicaid Expansion in Virginia.pdf**

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To the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission:

I am a single mother of two school-age children and I work full-time at a university in Virginia. While my place of employment offers health insurance, I can in no way afford it. After taxes, my paycheck is barely \$1,200.00. I received my graduate degree back in May and haven't been able to find a better paying job.

I cannot even afford a decent apartment for my children and I.

I am barely able to make ends meet. In fact, I *cannot* make ends meet. I already receive SNAP benefits and my children receive Medicaid benefits. I try to make a conscious effort of avoiding being around people or going outdoors (unless it's for work or necessities) because I am terrified that I will get sick. When I do end up sick, I suffer through it because it is nearly impossible to make clinic appointments that aren't scheduled months away.

I'm doing the best as I can, but I cannot handle having to pay a fine or pay out of pocket for health insurance. It is just impossible for me, and I assume it is impossible for hundreds of other Virginians.

Please vote to expand Medicaid for Obamacare in Virginia, so that myself and people like me won't have to suffer. As we all know, times are hard. Many of us are trying to stay positive and need some help to get us to the point where we won't have to depend on Medicaid or government assistance.

Thank you for reading this message.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Santiful