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Comment - Dear Committee Members, I am writing in support of expanding Medicaid in Virginia. As the Long-Term Care Ombudsman for the Jefferson Area Board for Aging, I see many people who need health care in the community and cannot afford it. As a former Legal Aid attorney, I have seen people's lives ruined by lack of medical care. I believe that the amount of money that Virginia would be required to spend (\$137 million) would be repaid over and over by the receipt of the billions that the Federal government would provide, not only in health care, but in helping keep people's lives afloat and therefore be protective of our economy. With the "aging tsunami" soon upon us, I think it is important that we as a state do what we can to keep our population healthy and productive. Thank you very much for your consideration. Sue Drumm