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Comment - I am writing in support of expanding Medicaid in the state of Virginia. I work in the medical industry and the most frustrating aspect of facilitating patient care was when we were unable to accommodate patients in sincere need of medical care who had no medical insurance. I have one young woman in mind; she was a college student at Hampton University and she had no medical insurance. She was in severe pain due to a significantly enlarged ovarian cyst. We called all over to find care for her as we were simply a physician's office. She had two options: 1. Go massively into debt and go to a local hospital such as Sentara Norfolk General or 2. Drive to Richmond and wait hours to be seen in their emergency room; possibly stay overnight in hopes of getting the care she needed and then drive back, and just wait for their bill. Her parents couldn't afford to pay her tuition AND medical insurance. Had medicaid been available for her - having the surgery she needed would not have been an issue. Please consider life from those patient's points of view. If you walked in their shoes for even a half a block, you would understand. The backbone of medicine is "do no harm". I simply do not get the backbone of politics in Virginia - 'A place for lovers'. We should add a caveat of - 'but don't get sick here unless you have insurance'. Thank you