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## Medicaid expansion

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To: Members of the MIRC Commission <vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov>

Dear Members of the MIRC Commission,

There is a huge group of uninsured people in Virginia who desperately need access to health care and Medicaid is the answer. The uninsured are a huge cost to the commonwealth and the health care systems that exist within it. These folks are the ones that fall between the veritable cracks since they can't afford healthcare. They are the ones that often avoid preventive measures due to a lack of education about health, turning up on occasion at the emergency room for essential care and then later with severe health problems, requiring that they receive costly treatments. There are a large number of Virginia residents that cannot afford health care including medications to treat chronic illnesses such as high blood pressure and diabetes. Medicaid would allow these residents to receive the

health care they need and prevent the cost of care that comes with strokes or dialysis treatment. Lack of access to health care often leads individuals to apply for disability also seeking the Medicare coverage that comes with a determination of disability by Social Security. An expansion of Medicaid coverage would save money in the long run and contribute to a much better quality of life which comes with well managed health care. We also need for providers to be compensated adequately for providing care to Medicaid recipients. It's ridiculous and such a disservice to the recipients that they have to wait so long to even access a provider because they are so few and far between. The Commonwealth is a great place to live, a healthy place to live, let's help make it that way for those who live here but can't afford health care.

Sincerely,

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