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I support the expansion of the Medicaid program for hardworking Virginians 1 message

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To The Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission:

I am writing to encourage you to expand the Medicaid program to ensure hardworking Virginians are getting the health coverage they need. As a proud Virginian, I am pained by the idea that nearly 400,000 Virginians will not be able to get health care coverage when our country has created a solution to help them.

Through my work, I've been exposed to the stories of many people who don't have health care coverage. Many of them have multiple low-wage jobs that do not provide them benefits. They must use emergency rooms to treat their most dire needs forcing other Virginians to pay the cost. We have the opportunity to get federal dollars to help them get health coverage that will allow many of them to seek preventive care and improve their quality of health and life. It is unconscionable to prevent many women and men from possible life-saving care to make a political stand.

I urge you to put politics aside and do what is best for Virginians – take the federal money that other states already have and expand the Medicaid program to allow hardworking Virginians to get the health care they need.

Sincerely,

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