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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,

The Medicaid Expansion is vitally important to citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and it must be implemented. There are over 400,000 uninsured citizens who would benefit from the expansion. The lack of coverage causes people to avoid obtaining necessary medical care for treating chronic illnesses as well as routine services for the prevention of illness. Citizens of Virginia will pay regardless for the expansion in the form of increased federal taxation, but other states will benefit from this contribution if Virginia fails to expand Medicaid. Insured and paying patients/citizens are already paying extra for medical care to subsidize the cost to healthcare providers for caring for the uninsured and those unable or unwilling to pay for their care. In addition, although the State government has opposed the expansion, it has failed to establish a timely and viable option as a substitute for the ACA expansion. Virginia has always had one of the most restrictive plans of any state in the Union, and it is time for our great state to step up and obtain for its citizens a basic level of human dignity through the provision of health care to all regardless of their ability to afford coverage. It is not enough for our government to simply oppose everything in the ACA, and if we cannot develop our own viable alternative (which, clearly we cannot), then we need to sign on to the federal plan for expansion.

Sincerely,

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