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Comment - Please support Medicaid expansion in Virginia because not only is ranked 40th in the United States' 2007 Census for people below the poverty line, but Virginia Virginia's Poverty Reduction Task Force recently reported that "more than 10 percent of Virginians currently live below the poverty level" and if Congress does not get its act together this statistic may include me and many others. The Task Force Report further states that these poor Virginians are highly concentrated in inner cities and along the state's southern and southwest borders, with growing clusters in suburban areas. These areas are not usually significant job producers and analysts project that the poverty rate will increase rapidly in the next few years because of the recession, and then gradually rebound to current levels around 2022. What is even more disturbing is the fact that our most vulnerable populations are children (13.8 percent poverty rate) – especially those in female-headed households, those over age 85 (27 percent poverty rate) and those with disabilities (19 percent poverty rate). These are our most vulnerable citizens. Therefore Virginia medicaid expansion is a necessity so that we may provide a safety-net for Virginians in crisis. Lastly, in Galatians 6:2 (Bible) says that we are to: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Please do not turn your back on Virginia's most destitute and needy and support medicare expansion. Thank you. Anita Roberson Fredericksburg, Virginia