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The Commonwealth of Virginia has a history of standing up in defiance to the Federal Government. When IDEA required suspended students with disabilities be provided services to achieve IEP objectives, Virginia said, "No." Where did the resulting millions in legal fees and compensatory education costs come from? When the Olmstead Act was passed, Virginia turned down Federal funding the first 2 years only receiving 1 year offered. Where did the funds come from to make up for the money Virginia turned down? We are in the same situation again with Expanding Medicaid. Virginians don't receive a Federal tax break because we turn down the funds; instead we pay for residents in other states that did accept funding to receive benefits while Virginians get nothing. During the recent debates for governor, one delegate commented he would not support the extension because the Federal government is in debt and may pass the expense on to the states. For this to happen, legislation would need to be passed. With 26 states expanding or close to approving their programs, how feasible is it that they would support legislation that results in their states assuming that liability? It's time we stop turning down free money and do what is in the best interest of Virginians. Support Medicaid Expansion!