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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission,

Thank you very much for this opportunity. My wife and I are small business owners and homeowners. We pay taxes and we vote. We live in Fredericksburg with our 21 year old son, Jay, who is autistic. Jay has an IQ so low that it cannot be tested. We petitioned the courts on his 18th birthday and became Jay's legal guardians. He's a great kid, and we love him to death. He will live with us as long as we are able to provide a safe and healthy environment.

But, Jay is not considered to be employable. He has no assets and no income. He is currently covered by an individual Blue-Cross Blue-Shield health care policy that we pay for each month. Because of his neurological disability, it is not inexpensive. We have been waiting for the ACA to kick in so we can enroll him in Medicaid (for which he is clearly eligible). There are many, many Virginia families in the same situation.

Now, we fully understand that an expansion of Medicaid means that taxpayers will have to pay more so that the less fortunate in this country can have health care coverage. But we feel strongly that taxpayers in a caring and prosperous society should be willing to shoulder that burden. That's just good governance. That's society fulfilling its duties to all of its citizens.

We strongly urge the lawmakers in Richmond (on both sides of the aisle) to support the Commonwealth's acceptance of the Medicaid Expansion measure in the ACA.

Thank you again for this opportunity to express our opinions on the matter.

-Bruce and Allison Kirchner