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Comment - I fully support expansion of Medicaid in Virginia and am appalled that Governor McDonnell even turned it down. Our Commonwealth has a strong need for such an expansion. Just last week I discovered that my niece, a single mother, makes too much money to be covered under current Medicaid rules but not enough to be covered under the Affordable Care Act. She is exactly the target demographic of this expansion. She will never be able to afford her own health care coverage, yet is a young mother responsible for a child. If she becomes ill and requires care then what will happen next? She will be bankrupt. She will become a burden on the health care providers and on our welfare system. Of course, like virtually all people with no coverage she will wait until she is very ill before seeking care and what may have started as a small problem will loom large both physically and financially for her. Is this what we want in Virginia? An underclass of people too well off for the current Medicaid but too poor for the ACA? Please expand Medicaid. It's about protecting and caring for our citizens.