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**Comment** - I urge the Commission to approve Medicaid expansion. The argument that the Federal government is broke and will not meet its commitments is not valid. If the Federal government fails to meet its commitments for any reason, Virginia certainly has the option to curtail or end this expansion to avoid unintended expenses for the state. The argument that expansion will cause lines at doctors' offices because three-fourths don't accept new Medicaid patients is absurd. If they won't accept Medicaid patients they certainly won't accept patients with no insurance and little income! So where do those patients go? To the Emergency Room, or they don't get any care. Are we so inconsiderate that we deny people health care because it might inconvenience those of us who can afford insurance? Failure to expand Medicaid will leave the poorest people in the state without any affordable options for healthcare and we all will pay the higher costs of emergency room care through higher taxes and insurance premiums.