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## New MIRC Comment

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**Last Name** - Brown

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**Comment** - I strongly support Medicaid Expansion at the earliest possible date. See attached file.



Medicaid Expansion Letter.pdf

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To: The Medicaid Innovation and Reform Committee

From: Carolyn Brown

Date: October 7, 2013

Subject: Medicaid Expansion

All Virginians, regardless of income level, need the security of knowing that when they get sick, they can get affordable medical treatment. **This will not happen unless Medicaid is expanded in Virginia.** Many working Virginians struggle to meet the basic requirements of food and shelter, sometimes working multiple low paying jobs to do so. Health insurance, unfortunately, is a *“luxury”* that many cannot afford. It is deeply troubling that so many people, who are blessed with decent incomes and health insurance coverage, think so little about the plight of those who are less *“financially”* fortunate. It is beyond amazing that we even have to debate this issue!

In addition to benefitting people who are unable to afford/qualify for health insurance, the expansion of Medicaid, will at a minimum, help improve the economy not only by reducing emergency room and other medical costs, but also by creating jobs for health care workers. This would be the right thing to do and a win-win for all citizens of Virginia.