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I support expanding Medicaid to 400,000 Virginians

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Virginia Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission
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Dear Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission,

Access to basic health care should be a basic civil right, but more than that -- it just makes sense. People without coverage will still continue to seek care in emergency rooms, overtaxing an already strained system and increasing costs for all of us lucky enough to have coverage. (Not to mention the fact that emergency room physicians --who by law cannot deny people medical care based on their inability to pay-- are forced to provide services for which they will not be compensated.)

Denying access to coverage is short-sighted at best -- without timely, preventive care, those Virginians excluded from coverage will become sicker, and will end up needing more costly services to cure conditions which may have been averted. But aside from purely pragmatic, financially conservative reasons, it is unconscionable that we should deny care to the people who need it most.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Patterson

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