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Dear MIRC Commission,

As a concerned citizen and someone who supports access to mental healthcare, I am writing to urge the commission to expand Medicaid in Virginia. I support Medicaid expansion because it will enable thousands of adults with mental health disorders to gain access to mental healthcare. During the past year alone, six in ten adults experiencing serious mental illness went without mental health care, in large part due to having no insurance. I have personally witnessed how lack of treatment and services often escalates into crisis, which is more expensive for the health care system, the person, their family, and the community.

Virginia already spends millions of dollars through the state General Fund to provide healthcare for people who are uninsured. Medicaid expansion would be a more cost-effective way of providing coverage.

Sincerely

Farleigh Fitzgerald