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Comment - Rarely in the Commonwealth have legislators had the chance to do something that is both morally right and overwhelming economically beneficial to the citizens of Virginia. The facts are plain. Low income Virginians cannot possibly afford private health insurance, and yearly many die for lack of it. Expansion will cover 400,000 Virginians, including many hardworking residents working multiple low paid jobs. It will not only save lives, but also bring tens of billions in federal payments and thousands of new jobs, while significantly reducing costs the state and its insured bear for unreimbursed emergency care. We would be hardpressed to find another investment ever that would yield these returns. Failure to move forward means that Virginians federal taxes will finance expansion in other states while we retain all the costs but receive none of the benefits here. Lives will continue to be lost needlessly and growing costs for indigent emergency care will continue to drain the state treasury. Fiscal common sense and basic fairness are Virginia values that deserve our support.