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Medicaid Expansion

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Members of the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission:

I support Virginia accepting Medicaid Expansion. To me it makes no sense not to. It is totally paid for by savings in Medicare and Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Not only will 400,000 Virginia uninsured residents have access to healthcare for the first time, but it will help the economy by creating 30,000 new jobs.

The Transportation Bill was passed and signed into law by Governor McDonnell because of the creation of the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission and the opportunity to make a few changes in the Medicaid Expansion plan. Not implementing Medicaid Expansion means the Commonwealth is going back on its word.

I live in Arlington and currently serve as chair of the Arlington Commission on Aging. Medicaid Expansion is a vital part of the safety net for our residents. It shows the Commonwealth cares about those who are working but not currently able to pay for health insurance. It will make the population of Virginia healthier.

Members of the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission have a unique opportunity to show its concern and compassion for those in Virginia currently without health insurance.

Approve Medicaid Expansion for Virginia.

Thank you.

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