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**Comment** - To the Honorable Members of the Medicaid Innovation and Expansion Commission The fundamental reason why Medicaid should be expanded in Virginia is to enable about 400,000 fellow citizens to have health coverage. Some might argue that free clinics sponsored by the faith community and non-profit organizations can fill the gap if Medicaid coverage isn't expanded. Likewise, I suppose, cities could forgo snow removal equipment since some residents have snow shovels. Tough choices might be necessary if Virginia was a poor state, but it isn't. Rather, it's the 8th wealthiest state in the nation. Fundamentally, the decision before the Commission is whether the Commonwealth of Virginia wants to be a commonwealth in name only or a genuine Commonwealth that places the public good over individual interest and seeks first the welfare of all citizens, particularly fellow Virginians who struggle to make it from one day to the next. John Moeser, Member Social Justice Advocacy Committee Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond