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Comment - The greatest commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves. This commandment transcends most faiths. Caring for our neighbors in Virginia means ensuring that all Virginians have access to quality and affordable health care. Expanding eligibility for Medicaid is not only a sound policy decision, but a moral imperative -- certainly for anyone who calls themselves a Christian -- although this moral imperative is shared by Virginians of all faiths. Medicaid Expansion would cover 400,000 currently uninsured, low-income Virginians who are one health crisis away from financial ruin. Estimates are that expansion would bring 30,000 new health care jobs to Virginia. The economy is still recovering from the recession and 30,000 new jobs would greatly benefit Virginia. Medicaid Expansion is one of the most pressing policy issues facing our Commonwealth, and has serious consequences for our low-income neighbors. As a person of faith and plain old common sense, I strongly support the need for Medicare expansion in Virginia. Not doing this is wrong. Julie Bruns