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Comment - 10.03.13 Dear Chairman Hanger and the Medicaid Innovation & Reform Commission: I am writing to give my wholehearted support to Medicaid expansion in Virginia. Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments on the recent work of MIRC. I am a retired Associate Professor from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. I taught design for 30 years and spent my last 5 years teaching at VCUQ in Doha, Qatar in the Middle East. By the way, I had excellent health care in Qatar for a very reasonable amount of money. Health care in America is so dependent on where you work or if you can afford it. With recent cuts to Medicare payments and Disproportionate Share Hospital payments under the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid expansion is so necessary to fill in the gaps for providers and our safety net. Unfortunately, Virginia taxpayers are paying for other states to take advantage of the federal money to expand Medicaid, about \$2 billion a year sent to DC and receiving nothing in return. If we expand Medicaid, Virginia will see \$2.6 billion in 2015 alone returned to the tax payers of Virginia. In addition, Medicaid expansion will boost our economy by creating 30,000 new jobs for our state. I've read that Medicaid expansion would extend health coverage to around 400,000 Virginians, at least 169,000 Virginian women who desperately need this. I urge you to stand up for the families of Virginia and move to expand Medicaid as soon as possible. Thank you, Associate Professor Kathleen Franck [REDACTED]