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Dear Chairman Hanger and Members of the Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the recent work of the Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission (MIRC).

My name is Laura Goldblatt and I live in Charlottesville. I support the compromise language of the General Assembly and agreed upon by the Governor, to first reform Medicaid and then to expand Medicaid coverage. This compromise means that 400,000 uninsured individuals will now receive access to the quality coverage they so desperately need. A majority of these individuals are hard working employed Virginians who don't make enough to buy insurance coverage.

With recent cuts to Medicare payments and Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments under the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid expansion is needed to fill the gaps for providers and our safety net. Virginia taxpayers are paying for other states to take advantage of the federal money to expand Medicaid. We are sending about \$2 billion to Washington a year and receiving nothing in return. If we expand Medicaid, Virginia will see \$2.6 billion in 2015 alone returned to the where it belongs. In addition, Medicaid expansion will boost the economy by creating 30,000 new jobs.

I urge you to stand up for hardworking Virginians and take action to expand Medicaid.

Best,
Laura Goldblatt