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Medicaid expansion

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To: vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov

Dear Commission members,

I oppose Medicaid expansion in Virginia. I understand that the federal government will be providing lots of money as an enticement for states to expand. In fact, it was in the Affordable Care Act and was overturned by the Supreme Court stating that the federal government could not "bribe" states or withdraw Medicaid money. So, the states can choose.

It's altruistic to want to help everyone by providing free stuff. However, the state of VA has to balance its budget. Social services (including health coverage for the poor and lower middle class) is a huge part of the state's budget and will continue to grow as we add thousands more poor who move into the state. Offering free stuff (that isn't really free) encourages dependency; it doesn't motivate people to learn a skill or go to college and become independent and productive citizens. At some point someone has to stop promising "free" stuff that is actually paid for by private sector workers. I'm generous, but not to the point where state and federal taxes combined take nearly 50% of what I make. That's not fair to me!

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