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Megan K. Gutcher



October 11, 2013

Chairman Hanger and Members of the Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission
201 North 9th Street
General Assembly Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219

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

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concern and opinion of the upcoming vote on Medicare Reform. As a longtime resident of Richmond, Virginia, as a nontraditional college student, and as a woman, I sincerely hope that the recent cuts to Medicare payments and Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments under the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid will be expanded to fill the gaps for providers and our safety net. I have been employed full-time in Virginia with health care coverage paid for in part by me and in part by my employer. As a current nursing student, however, I am no longer employed with benefits. This is a choice I made to better my life and to give back to my community through service of care. As a Virginia taxpayer, I and others have been and 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. As a student, an engaged woman, and hopefully, someday, a mother, I urge you to stand up for Virginian women and their families and take action to expand Medicaid.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Keola'i Gutcher".

Megan K. Gutcher