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Comment - As a member of AFP and a citizen of Virginia, I want to urge Congress to vote against any expansion of medicaid. My reasons for this are as follows: One out of ever four doctors in Virginia will not take Medicaid patients. It will actually harm the poor it's supposed to help. There are tons of clinical reports that give validity to that comment. One huge study shows that medicaid patients are more likely to die in the hospital after surgery than those with private insurance. That is because medicaid pays doctors and hospitals less than private insurers do. This causes many doctors to drop out of medicaid. With more and more doctors dropping medicaid, it gives medicaid patients less access to good medical treatment. Medicaid also raises the premiums on those who have private insurance. With medicaid fraud right now between 10% and 30%, it is sure to rise if it is expanded. Medicaid needs fixed not expanded.