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**First Name** - Rene

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**Comment** - Dear Members of the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission, I believe that access to affordable health care is a basic human right and needs to be available to all. At this time Virginia ranks 48th in per capita contributions to Medicaid and has among the strictest criteria in the country for eligibility requirements. Expanding Medicaid to 133% of the poverty level will help hospitals cover uncompensated care for the most vulnerable and create an economic boost of about 30,000 jobs. Moreover, Virginia stands to lose federal tax dollars, which will go instead to other states that are expanding Medicaid. Thank you for your kind consideration.