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Dear MIRC Commission,

I am writing to urge the commission to expand Medicaid in Virginia. As Executive Director of the Mental Health Association of Fauquier County, I am well aware of the dire need for greater access to mental health treatment; Medicaid expansion will enable thousands of adults with mental health disorders to gain access to much-needed care. A recent survey by the Fauquier Health System listed mental health as one of the top two health concerns in the county, and the calls that come into our office from people seeking care confirm that one of the biggest problems is lack of insurance or other resources to pay for treatment. During the past year alone, six in ten adults experiencing serious mental illness went without mental health care, in large part due to having no insurance. Under Virginia's current strict eligibility, thousands of low-income adults who live with mental illness do not qualify for Medicaid. Expansion will change that. Virginia already spends millions of dollars through the state General Fund to provide health care for people who are uninsured. Medicaid expansion would be a more cost-effective way of providing coverage.

Sincerely,
Sallie Morgan