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I support expanding Medicaid to 400,000 Virginians

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Virginia Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission
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Dear Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission,

Expanding Medicaid to cover those who are too poor to afford health insurance, but not poor enough to receive government benefits is the morally right thing to do. In a state as prosperous as ours, it is reprehensible to deny access to health care to hardworking Virginians who do not make a living wage—even if they are not considered impoverished. It is also the fiscally responsible thing to do. The federal government is offering the states assistance in order to expand coverage, and denying this assistance only means that Virginia tax dollars are being spent elsewhere, in states in which the governing authorities are not willing to cut off their noses to spite their faces. Moreover, refusing Medicaid coverage to needy individuals will not prevent them from getting sick. They will get sick, their lack of insurance will make their health care more expensive, and society still will bear the burden, except at a much higher cost than that for expanding Medicaid. Please exercise kindness and common sense and expand Medicaid coverage to needy Virginians.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Bailey

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