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Medicaid expansion

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

On behalf of the Chesterfield County Democratic Committee, thank you for this opportunity to submit comments on the recent work of your commission. We support the language of the General Assembly which was approved by the Governor, calling for the reform and expansion of Medicaid in Virginia.

With the expansion of Medicaid, approximately 400,000 Virginians, most of whom could be classified as "the working poor", will receive quality insurance coverage they otherwise couldn't afford. Secondly, Medicaid expansion will compensate for cuts to Medicare payments and Disproportionate Share Hospital payments under the Affordable Care Act. Also, Medicaid expansion will boost Virginia's economy, adding an estimated 30,000 new jobs and \$10 billion over the next 5 years. If we don't expand Medicaid, other states will benefit from Virginia's tax payers' dollars.

Thank you for considering these pertinent points in favor of Medicaid expansion. We trust you will conclude that expanding Medicaid in Virginia is the right decision.

Sincerely,

Thomas Francis, Chairman
Chesterfield County Democratic Committee