

Dear Lawmaker,

On behalf of our thousands of activists and members throughout the commonwealth, we write to urge you to not expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act in Virginia. Medicaid Expansion under Obamacare is both fiscally and morally irresponsible and despite the claims, it is far from conservative. Virginians deserve better.

**The following groups are united in strong opposition to Medicaid in Virginia under the Affordable Care Act.**

**Americans for Prosperity – Virginia**

**The Family Foundation of Virginia**

**The Foundation for Government Accountability**

**The Virginia Tea Party**

**The LIBRE Initiative**

**Generation Opportunity**

**Middle Resolution**

**Americans for Tax Reform**

**Freedomworks**

**Virginians for Quality Healthcare**

**Opportunity Solutions Project**

**This is a problem for the following reasons:**

**Obamacare Medicaid Expansion spends more on able bodied adults instead of the most vulnerable and the elderly.** This crowds an already flooded, inefficient program with able-bodied Virginians. Thus, removing access to quality healthcare from those who need it most. The most needy in Virginia may receive a plastic Medicaid insurance card, but along with it they will experience extremely long wait times and have less of their medicines and procedures covered.

**This is NOT Conservative.** Dependency and taxes may be prominent in Medicaid Expansion, but not in Conservative principles. In fact, this causes Virginia to be heavily reliant on Washington – especially in raising taxes to expand Medicaid under Obamacare.

Additionally, [The Trump Administration and Congress are planning to cut payments to states that have expanded, yet increase payments to states that have not.](#) Increasing reliance on federal funding of a program is indefensible when Washington is considering rolling back expansion subsidies that pay for it. This puts Virginia taxpayers and the state budget at a dangerous risk.

**It doesn't lower healthcare costs or fix the problem with Medicaid.**

Kentucky and Indiana have been heralded, deceptively, as models of success. In reality - [Governor Matt Bevin was elected on the platform of dismantling Medicaid Expansion, and the waivers he threatened to kill Medicaid Expansion for are designed to do that very thing.](#) This is a model to roll back expansion – not grow it. Kentucky officials say even *with* work requirements, and all other safeguards - expansion [enrollment will still be at least 437,521](#) in 2020 – more than doubling budgeted expectations. Indiana's work reforms to Medicaid Expansion are also far from conservative. [The Foundation for Government Accountability reveals that the Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0 “gives policymakers who have wisely rejected expansion in other states no reason to reverse course...” as the program has cost the state even more than traditional expansion.](#) Furthermore, Vice-President Pence supports the administrations plan to cut Medicaid Expansion funding.

**WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL STAND FIRM, WITH US IN YOUR  
OPPOSITION TO MEDICAID EXPANSION IN VIRGINIA.**

Our activists and stakeholders stand ready, willing, and able to hold you accountable.

Sincerely,



