

RESOLUTION URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RETURN VIRGINIA TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO VIRGINIA AND PASS GOVERNOR McAULIFFE'S BUDGET

WHEREAS, a healthy workforce and community are critical to the economic vitality of the Charlottesville community; and

WHEREAS, over one million Virginians under the age of 64 are uninsured, many of whom are in families with at least one full- or part-time worker who are not provided health insurance coverage through their employers, cannot afford coverage on their own or do not make enough to qualify for insurance offered through the health care exchanges; and

WHEREAS, these uninsured Virginians receive care, which is subsidized by employed Virginians through higher insurance premiums, providers charging more to the insured for their own care and underwriting of uninsured care by providers; and

WHEREAS, this cost-shifting will continue to rise faster than inflation if the Commonwealth does not address ensuring more Virginians have access to affordable health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, through 2022, Virginians will send \$26 billion to Washington, D.C., through mandatory federal Affordable Care Act-related taxes, fees and provider payment cuts to pay for uninsured in other states; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has a further responsibility to recoup these funds to help its own citizens, and the citizens of Charlottesville, by developing a financially sound plan that will ensure Virginia's health care delivery system will have the resources needed to provide quality services to their community; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has a further responsibility to the 250,000 uninsured Virginians, and 3,400 citizens of Charlottesville currently caught by the Affordable Care Act in the gap between Medicaid and federal subsidies for health insurance exchanges are able to obtain health insurance and to ensure those currently receiving Medicaid benefits will continue to receive those benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Charlottesville, Virginia that it hereby supports and urges the Virginia General Assembly to pass Governor McAuliffe's budget as quickly as possible, which includes a two year pilot to expand healthcare coverage for hundreds of thousands of Virginians and includes critical funding which Charlottesville depends on to carry out our day-to-day operations and to keep our citizens healthy.

Approved by Council
March 27, 2014



Clerk of Council