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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
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## Action Alert!

**Alert No: 17-10**

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This "Action Alert!" is a call to action for League members and friends throughout the state to communicate with their local legislators and various committee members. We ask the legislators to take actions on proposed legislation as described in the alert below. Members may discuss the pros or cons as an individual but not as a League member. Our requests to legislators are based on our positions or those of LWVUS. It is most effective to contact your own legislator. While the legislature is in session is the best opportunity to educate legislators and to allow them to make informed decisions.

### **Always keep our League policy in mind:**

*"Only the President or her designee is authorized to speak for the League. However, we encourage all members to contact their public officials as **individuals**, whether or not they agree with a League position."*

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## **Governor Introduces Budget Amendment on Pursuing Planning for Medicaid**

The Governor has sent out a budget amendment to be dealt with on April 5 (Veto Session) for Virginia to expand Medicaid in light of the ACA repeal failure last Friday. All Leaguers need to contact their legislators to support this



now that the President and Speaker Ryan have said the ACA is the law of the land. The bill that was pulled would have punished Virginia for not expanding (expansion states were to get more money).

Points you may want to consider.

- Once again we will leave money on the table that rightfully belongs to Virginia.
- *The proposed legislation would have punished the states that did not expand. The majority of states that did expand are led by Republican Governors who now have better resources to deal with mental illness and the Opioid crisis that is prevalent in Virginia as in the whole country.*
- Its time to move on and do the right thing.

We know this is rushed as April 5 is next week but we have supported the ACA since the beginning. Let's not let up on the pressure now.

[Click Here](#) to read the Governor's press release.

[Click Here](#) to read an article from the *Alexandria News*

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## Did You Join Via the LWVUS Website?

There appears to be some confusion with money paid to the LWVUS through their website for what was thought to be membership dues. Several people sent in their money which was recorded by the national office as a gift instead of dues. This led to the senders receiving a renewal letter of their annual gift. Local Leagues do not receive any of this money. Dues are paid annually to local Leagues, not the LWVUS.



If this happened to you, we would like to know about it to determine the extent of the problem and attempt to straighten it out. Please respond to [http://league@lwv-va.org](mailto:league@lwv-va.org) with your name, city and date you sent in your "dues."

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# Welcome New Members

Since the first of the year we have had many new members added to our rolls. We welcome the people into our organization and hope each one will take an active part in our activities. Watch for newsletters and emails to learn what is going on in your League.



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