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Position: Client

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Representing: Myself and the organization.

I wish to testify regarding Medicaid expansion.

I oppose to the dismantling of the expansion.

Chair Romanchuk, Ranking Member Sykes, and members of the Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, thank you for allowing me to testify regarding Medicaid expansion.

I have struggled with the disease of addiction for years and could not afford to receive treatment. In 2014, I became gravely ill. While in the hospital, my physician assured me that he would find a way to get my expenses covered. I met with a social worker and she informed me of the Medicaid expansion program. If I had not received this insurance to get treatment for both my addiction and physical illnesses, I don't think I would be here today. Medicaid is extremely important for my success and the success of many of my family members. For those of us that are low income, under educated, with many health disparities, Medicaid is a vital benefit. I am encouraged and hopeful and no longer feel helpless to make a change in my situation. I am now in treatment at The Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program of Cincinnati and I am fighting a great fight daily to stay clean and sober.

Thank you once again