

**Ohio Senate Finance Subcommittee
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My name is Portland Curry. I am in a paid job training/job search program in Cincinnati. I am a hard working, tax paying citizen and I need to rely on the Medicaid program for my medical needs. Recently I had a lot of work done on my teeth because they were decayed. This condition was causing me to become ill from infection. I had to have my teeth removed. Without Medicaid coverage all this dental work would have cost me \$5000. I would not have been able to pay it. I am much healthier now and it is because I have Medicaid Expansion.

Please support the Medicaid Expansion program to ensure that low-income Ohioans like me continue to have health care. I also ask that the Medicaid work requirements be removed because people who are doing job search should be able to keep being able to see a doctor and dentist. We are much more likely to find paying jobs if we are healthy.