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My spouse, Deborah, has a son, my stepson, who relies on Medicaid. His name is Lemmie. Lemmie suffered a stroke when he was two. He has a hole in his heart and is a right-side hemi-pelegic. And even though he was born with disability, to Jr's credit, he's never let his challenges stop him or limit him from doing things he wants to do.

One of the more important aspects of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is that it expanded the funding and coverage of Medicaid for thousands of Ohioans and Ohio families.

Members of my own family could be adversely affected. We want our state lawmakers to step up and stop punishing people because they happen to be sick.