

Chair Caruthers, Ranking Member Liston, members of the committee my name is Angela Davis, I am from Cleveland, OH and I am here with NOBLE.

The reason I am here today is to talk about the need to protect Medicaid and its expansion.

I am 51 years old. Two years ago, I was able to get on the Medicaid program for my health insurance. Getting Medicaid has been a lifesaver for me. I am so grateful for Medicaid that I am currently trying to convince my son who does not have health care to apply but he is an adult now and adults do what they want to do.

Since getting on Medicaid, I have used it for my more general needs such as regular visits and checkups. It has been extremely helpful especially when it comes to various dental services and my recent surgery in January. The surgery was extremely serious, but I felt very taken care of. I did not have to worry about anything. My entire recovery was covered, all the after care, the hospital stay, the surgery. I do not know what I would have done without Medicaid, I would not have been able to afford to get the surgery.

With that being said, I ask that you protect the Medicaid program as is and if possible invest more money into it and make it available for more people. Thank you for your time.