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Thank you Chair Schmidt, Vice Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the House Health Committee for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 96, FY 2026-2027 Executive Operating Budget. My name is Margaret Kamin and I am a Independent Home Health Care Provider take care of and keeping our disabled and Seniors in their homes. I am also a live in provider for my individual.

I am writing to you because I am worried about cut coming to Medicaid from the Federal Government as well as from our State Government. My individual is 69 will soon be 70. she is speech impaired, is pretty much confined to a wheelchair there is no way she would be able to work per a work requirement she does not have the ability to keep her mind on one thing. Besides the work requirement what else will be cut? She needs her DME's to keep her lungs clear, nutritional supplies help keep her weight up etc. Will these be cut? She is Social Security and SSI and with this limited income she would not be able to pay for these services out of pocket. As her Independent Provider my income comes from Medicaid MyCareOhio Home and Community Based Wavier Services.

I saw in the proposed Budget that Home and Community Based Services are not receiving any funds at all for 2026 and 2027. It said the reasoning is that there will be no Federal Funding for these services due to Federal Funding program ending. What program was this? If there is no funding for the 2026 and 2027 how is the Home and Community Based Wavier Services going to be able to provide her those needs DME'S, Nutritional Supplies, the services that I supply for her to take care of her and keep her in our home. I would be looking at losing the income that I get with a huge chance of losing out home that I am able to keep her in and not worry about her being in a Nursing Home?

Our Children, Disable and Elderly need all the these services that they receive through all these Medicaid services. Without the service that they receive that keeps them in their homes and health will be extremely hazardous to their health survival and even their mental stability.

In closing please take care of our Children, Disabled and Seniors, who use and needs these services by keeping these services safe and continuing going forward. Also keep those who provider these services safe and their income safe. Thank you again for allowing me to give this testimony today.

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