

Chair Gross, Vice Chair Barhorst, Ranking Member Baker, and members of the House Medicaid Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Anne Kim. I am a retired Senior. I strongly urge you to remove two troubling items from Ohio's state operating budget. Both could have devastating impacts on Ohio families who depend on Medicaid expansion for their healthcare coverage.

Specifically, I'm asking you to remove the following two items:

- [Section 126.70](#) — This Medicaid Trigger Language could immediately end Medicaid expansion in Ohio if the federal government reduces its share of paying for the program's costs.
- [Section 126.10](#) — Under this Federal Mirror Language, if the federal government pauses, suspends, or reduces funding for a federal program, Ohio could do the same to any similar state level program that uses federal funds.

As a healthy senior, I am alarmed that when and should I have need of assistance, it may not be there. In my long life, I have contributed to government covers in the assured expectation that when/should I have needs, they would be assisted. You are, in essence, denying me that assurance.

I ask you to consider my testimony and remove these two disturbing items from Ohio's operating budget.

By doing so, you would assure Ohio citizens you will assist them in their time of need.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Anne Kim