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The Importance of Medicaid Coverage

My name is **JoAnn McDaniel** and I am a resident of Dayton Ohio, City, in Montgomery County Ohio. I am submitting this testimony as a clergy person and a member of the AMOS Project of the Ohio Organizing Collaborative. I am deeply concerned about the proposed cuts to Medicaid coverage, which could affect more than 750,000 Ohioans, including veterans, senior citizens, medically fragile children, and expectant mothers. I serve families in my congregation who's very lives are at stake if this coverage is eliminated.

As a person of faith, I believe that we are called to care for the most vulnerable among us. Medicaid is a vital program that provides healthcare coverage to millions of Ohioans who would otherwise be unable to afford it. It is a lifeline for many, providing access to essential care such as preventative checkups, life-saving treatments, and prescription drugs.

The proposed cuts would have a devastating impact on the health and well-being of Ohioans. Seniors would lose access to long-term care, veterans would struggle to get the care they need, and children would be denied essential immunizations and checkups. Expectant mothers would be at risk of losing prenatal care, which is crucial for the health of both mother and child.

I urge you to reconsider these cuts. Medicaid is a program that saves lives and improves the quality of life for millions of Ohioans. It is an investment in our community's health and well-being.

I ask you to stand with me in protecting Medicaid and ensuring that all Ohioans have access to the care they need.