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Dear Medicaid Committee Members,

I write as a concerned Ohio resident in opposition to ending Medicaid expansion. People will die needlessly if Ohio's Medicaid expansion ends.

Both my parents were on Medicaid for the last few years of their lives. They spent their modest life savings on their care, down to the last few hundred dollars, before qualifying for Medicaid. They would have had nowhere to live, and no healthcare were it not for Medicaid.

My parents did not "game the system." They worked and paid taxes their whole lives. They were productive members of society. They were not wealthy by any standards, but they paid into the system that maintained the social safety net for others. When they were in their 90s and their turn came to need that net, it was there for them.

It is immoral of you to consider ripping the social safety net away from our most vulnerable residents.

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