

Dear Medicaid Committee members,

I am submitting testimony in opposition to SB96, the policy to discontinue Medicaid expansion in Ohio. Medicaid recipients are the most vulnerable citizens of our state. Medicaid expansion covers individuals with income levels below 138% of the federal poverty level. People making less than \$20,000 a year are not “taking advantage of the system.” There are families in my child’s school who receive their healthcare through Medicaid because the parents work at hourly wage jobs without health insurance. Often, these families are headed by single mothers or grandmothers taking care of children. Medicaid is their only hope for medical insurance. Also, many of my friends’ elderly parents who deplete their assets including those associated with their home, use Medicaid to pay for their nursing home expenses. Without the Medicaid Expansion program, children and seniors will lose healthcare and some will die. This program is one of the best programs to keep children healthy and give seniors a chance to live their last days with dignity and care.

Please vote no and show that you care about the people of Ohio.

Thank you,

Johanna.