

Dear Medicaid Committee members,

As someone who has lived in northeast Ohio my whole life, I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to SB96, the policy to discontinue Medicaid expansion in Ohio. Medicaid recipients are the most vulnerable citizens of our state, and therefore, those most in need of support from programs like Medicaid. 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.” These are people with real needs for healthcare. They are who Medicaid should be designed to serve. I want my tax dollars to support them. What is the point of government if not to facilitate the health and safety and well-being of all its people? I have no interest in paying into a government that only serves the wealthy. By eliminating the Medicaid Expansion Program, or putting more work restrictions in the system, people will die! Their blood will be on your hands. Please vote no and show that you care about the people of Ohio.

Thank you,

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