

May 28, 2025

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.” These are people with real needs for healthcare. By eliminating the Medicaid Expansion Program, or putting more work restrictions in the system, people will die. Medicaid was essential for my Mother as she spent her final years in a nursing home with Dementia and Alzheimer related complications. Medicaid is essential for my cousin Mary, whose Cerebral Palsy has advanced to a degree that she can no longer volunteer at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital in Cleveland. Medicaid is essential for my thirty two year old cousin Shannon, who was born two months early and has become more medically fragile each year. Please vote no and show that you care about the people of Ohio.

Thank you,

name, address