

Dear Medicaid Committee members,

I am submitting testimony in opposition to SB96, the policy to discontinue Medicaid expansion in Ohio. Discontinuing Medicaid expansion is bad for Ohio. It will adversely affect Ohioans most in need and hurt our economy as a whole. People making less than \$20,000 a year are not able to afford their own healthcare. Paying for the sick and vulnerable will have to come from somewhere. The need will not go away if you take the program away, or make it unworkable with additional new restrictions. Medicaid recipients are the most vulnerable citizens of our state and abandoning or squeezing them more will just make our problems worse. By eliminating the Medicaid Expansion Program, it will hurt us all. Please vote no and show that you care about the people of Ohio. Thank you for listening.

Respectfully,

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