

Dear Medicaid Committee members,

I am submitting testimony in opposition to SB96, the policy to discontinue Medicaid expansion in Ohio.

I relied on Medicaid for about a year during a transitional period of my life. I was between jobs and piecing together part-time work, none of which offered health insurance. I was struggling emotionally and relied on mental health counseling and medication to keep me safe and healthy. Regular doctor and dentist appointments also helped keep me physically well.

I was able to get off Medicaid after securing full-time employment with benefits including health care. I was building my life back up, and several years later I was accepted into the MBA program at Fisher College at the Ohio State University, where I graduated with honors.

None of that would have been possible without the support I received during that challenging time, including free mental and physical health services through Medicaid.

Every Ohioan deserves the same support and opportunities I received. Usually if a person needs Medicaid, they are already struggling in at least one area of their life. Let's not kick them when they're down.

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

Thank you,

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