

Dear Medicaid Committee members,

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

Have your kids/grandkids ever asked (or begged as kids sometimes do) for McDonald's? Have you ever used your GPS to find a gas station as a quick means of buying some painkillers, or coffee, or gum? I bet you have. These things are so very convenient, but you know what they need to run? Workers. And workers need healthcare to live. Without Medicaid, people will die. If you will excuse the crass over-simplification, who will staff our little conveniences then?

Even if our values differ, I'd like to think we can still connect over something as simple as an after-school milkshake.

I have some additional points for those who prefer numbers. Medicaid recipients are the most vulnerable citizens of our state. Medicaid expansion covers individuals with income levels below 138% of the federal poverty level. Please vote no and show that you care about the people of Ohio. 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.

Thank you,

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