

Dear Medicaid Committee members,

I am submitting testimony because I am an Ohio resident who is opposed to SB96, the policy to discontinue Medicaid expansion in Ohio. Medicaid recipients are the most vulnerable citizens of our state and they do not deserve to receive cuts to a lifeline like Medicaid. Medicaid expansion covers individuals with income levels below 138% of the federal poverty level. Can you imagine what it is like to always have to make a choice between your medicines or your rent, or your doctor visit or your food budget? People making less than \$20,000 a year cannot afford to have their Medicaid reduced or removed entirely. They are not "taking advantage of the system," but are trying to get by in this increasingly expensive country. By eliminating the Medicaid Expansion Program, or putting more work restrictions in the system, people may die. Please vote no and show that you care about the people of Ohio.

Thank you,

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