

Dear Finance Committee members,

I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB96, 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.” No one lives that close to the poverty line on purpose. These are people with real needs for healthcare. Everyone, EVERYONE, deserves access to health care, not just people with the privilege or luck to have a well paying job or generational wealth. Our current system is deeply flawed, Medicaid expansion exists to help counteract one of those flaws. By eliminating the Medicaid expansion program, or putting more work restriction in the system, people will die. Please vote no and show that you care about the people of Ohio.

Thank you,

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