

Dear Medicaid Committee members,

I am submitting testimony in opposition to SB96, the policy to discontinue Medicaid expansion in Ohio. Medicaid recipients are the most vulnerable citizens of our state. I work for an organization in Appalachia and so many of the Ohio residents there need Medicaid to survive. 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." These are people with real needs for healthcare. By eliminating the Medicaid Expansion Program, or putting more work restrictions in the system, Ohioans both young and old will die. Please vote no and show that you care about the people of Ohio.

Thank you,

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