

Dear Members of the Medicaid Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to **SB 96**, the proposal to eliminate Medicaid expansion in Ohio.

Medicaid expansion has been a lifeline for some of the most vulnerable members of our state—individuals earning less than 138% of the federal poverty level, or roughly \$20,000 a year. These are not people “gaming the system”; they are hardworking Ohioans who simply cannot afford private insurance and rely on Medicaid for access to basic healthcare.

Rolling back Medicaid expansion—or adding punitive work requirements—would have devastating consequences. It would strip healthcare from thousands and put lives at risk. Access to medical care should not be reserved for the wealthy. Healthcare is a human need, and Medicaid expansion helps meet that need for countless Ohio families.

I urge you to **vote no on SB 96** and demonstrate that Ohio stands for compassion, common sense, and care for its people.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

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