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Senate Medicaid Committee Testimony

Interested Party Testimony, HB 96 Senate Medicaid

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony, Chair Romanchuk, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Liston and Members of the Medicaid Committee. My name is Melody Burba. I am a disability advocate, employee and an active member of the community.

Medicaid Trigger Language: a major concern that I want to address is regarding the trigger language that specifies if the federal government reduces the amount of funding to our Medicaid Expansion population to less than 90%, which is the current federal match, then Medicaid Expansion in Ohio will probably end. This will kick 700,000 of our fellow Ohioans off Medicaid. This will have an immeasurable effect on your constituents because many workers do not get insurance through work and cannot afford health insurance through the marketplace. The effects will trickle down to children in several ways. First, parents will not be able to manage their physical and mental health needs. Secondly, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) will undoubtedly be impacted as well. Hence, investment in the future of our country depends on the removal of this trigger language.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 96 Chair Romanchuk, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Liston and Members of the Medicaid Committee.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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