

Testimony for Ohio Finance Committee

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by Bruce Pulford

My name is Bruce Pulford. I am working two jobs and I am still eligible for Medicaid due to Medicaid Expansion. I would also like to speak about a friend of mine who could not be here today because he has a job interview. He is really hopeful he will get this job! Ten years ago Jerry Davis was homeless and uninsured. He was having vision problems with cataracts and health problems with a hernia. Finally in 2014 he got the help he needed when he was able to be on Medicaid due to Medicaid Expansion. It saved his eyesight!

Jerry says that being able to see a doctor and keep up on his health care needs is making a difference in his life. He is striving hard to get a better paying job. He is working now selling "Streetvibes" newspapers. He doesn't make enough to survive on. Both Jerry and I are asking that the State of Ohio keep Medicaid Expansion in the State Budget legislation.

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