



Chairwoman Roegner and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of SB 17, which relates to work and education requirements for certain Medicaid recipients.

Susan G. Komen is the world's leading non-profit breast cancer organization representing the millions of women and men who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, including the 10,450 women who will be diagnosed and 1,720 who will die from the disease this year alone in Ohio. We have a comprehensive 360-degree approach to fighting this disease across all fronts—we advocate for patients, drive research breakthroughs, improve access to high quality care, offer direct patient support and empower people with trustworthy information. Komen advocates for all women to have access to the tools and resources necessary to save their lives. We believe strongly that ensuring access to affordable, high-quality care for all patients increases the likelihood that they will have the ability to detect, diagnose and treat their breast cancer early - potentially saving their lives.

Making a breast cancer patient's access to care contingent on reporting work hours will severely impact their health and have dire consequences for their treatment and survival. Implementing work requirements has proven to reduce the dollars going to providing healthcare and instead increases the unnecessary paperwork and places undue burden on the patient.

Additionally, terminating coverage for women who are unable to meet the requirements will result in patients forgoing or delaying treatments. Patients deserve peace of mind during this already difficult time in their lives.

The requirements outlined in SB 17 do not further the goals of the Medicaid program. Instead, they compromise access to healthcare for a very vulnerable population. Susan G. Komen urges you to oppose SB 17 and instead look to solutions that promote affordable and accessible Medicaid coverage for all Ohioans.

Komen thanks you for your leadership and for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,
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