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Honorable Senators:

Imagine you have just graduated from the great Ohio State University. You want the American dream of a small business. You are told you must forgo paying your student loans and buy a bond. You have no credit and a pile of debt. You are in the medical field. You have a decision. 40% of the GDP is now healthcare. This bill will cost you probably \$1500.00 for a \$10,000 bond since your credit is not established and your debt is high. The new regulations are coming and they are open ended and unaccountable, to be added to the volumes of State and Federal code that already contradicts itself.

\*Ohio is just one of 50 states. Do you stay or do you go?\*

Yes, having a bond sitting there to seize is just easier.

I have the envelope of a letter that states, an investigated has ended as unsubstantiated. Will people's bonds be revoked and their lives be destroyed without due process.

It is like we are going to put all medical providers, like criminals, on a bond.

Should we preemptively punish everyone?

I have a history that tells the story of when things are just easier.

My child was in an auto accident. Her nurse was on maternity leave. She was not allowed to return to her shift. She has now completed her 4<sup>th</sup> background check to return. This is ok as the law of the land in Ohio. The paperwork was easier, I guess.

My disabled child was and last I checked still required to do the impossible. This is precedent in the State of Ohio and is the law of the land. The paperwork was easier, I guess.

I have a state hearing, on a denial that does not say it is a denial but an unsigned form letter. The paperwork is easier, I guess.

I have another denial, another form letter but the blank to fill in was just skipped, the paperwork is easier, I guess.

The government found it easier to blame me for an underweight child. In order to have my children it required me to have "supervision" which limited my ability to do anything. When my child would no longer even drink, he was hospitalized. The supervision, was required because I am a Christian. The old saying is, If you were accused of being Christian would you be convicted. I almost was. I said to a doctor in the middle of the night, "Matthew is dying, everyone that knows him know it, why don't you know it."

They finally, then, found the brain tumor. The last time may have cost him his life. No one said they were sorry or asked how my child was. It was just easier to blame me. THIS Bill is to make things easier for whom?

The thousands of small businesses called independent providers will have to give up the American dream of owning their own business because it is easier for the State of Ohio. These Medicaid families can, however, as an option employ their independent providers, but NOW due to this bill have to pay the bond and have to suddenly comply with the unknown and unknowable and unaccountable regulations to be added to the already contradictory regulations that exist. Medicaid families cannot have assets except with narrow allowances. This basically renders moot the option of employing your independent providers, so that it is easier to collect SHOULD something happen. So, the plan is to punish the innocent in order to collect from the guilty and require bonds of \$10,000 from the independent provider and a \$50,000 bond from Medicaid eligible families?

Thousands are waiting to decide where to go now.

Thousands of patients will go somewhere too. Is there anyone who wants to guess how many will cost the State of Ohio more when they land in nursing homes?

Can anyone here answer these questions?

I can answer questions but I will not give HIPPA protected information.

Are there any question

I challenge all Senators to look at the original Ann Sanner AP article which had the data, but contradicting the data blamed Ohio small business owners that are known as independent providers.

There are lies, damn lies and statistics.

When the small business owners known as independent providers are destroyed as planned, who will be the new scapegoats?

Ohio took the "free" Medicaid expansion.

Ohio took the "free" "Race to the Top" education money that gave us "Common core" and allegedly took us from 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation to 24<sup>th</sup>.

There are no easy answers, but getting people out of nursing homes will save money as families provide truly free labor. This bill, in reality, places more people in nursing homes. A very high price for an easy answer.