# OHIO

Date: 2017-09-21 22:05:07
To: My Senator
From: Deborah Harris
State: Ohio
Email: [redacted]

Our father was a wonderful man, devout Catholic and a brillant attorney. He married our mother in 1951 and soon had a healthy son . Eleven months later I was born. Our perfect family changed profoundly when three years later Douglas arrived. The doctor wasn't available to deliver him so the nurses crossed moms legs and said " you'll have to wait for the doctor ". Doug was born 'abruptio placenta' and took some time to breathe. He suffered severe brain damage. few years later Danny was born. Dan was a big baby and the doctor's incision was too small to get him out. Moms diaphram was ruptured in the prosses, He didn't breathe right away either. Through no fault of their own Doug and Dan were profoundly retarded. The whole family did the best we could with the boys for a decade but they needed more professional training than they could get at home. So Dad thought St.Colletta's School for Exceptional Children would be the best place for them . And against Moms wishes off they went. Dan did OK but Douglas always had behavioral problem.

My parents divorced in 1970 my older brother moved away and I thought my entire support system was falling apart. Less then a year later I developed symptoms of Multiple Sclorosis. I was able to finish college but not able to work full a full time job out in the community. After thirty years my MS progressed and I could not continue my part time teaching position. I finally applyed and was granted social security disability . I couldn't live on $550.00 a month so I moved in with Dad and my brothers. Seven years later I trained and became a certified HPC prov ider for MRDD. I am caring for my brothers who are now 58 and 61 years old. They both have low vision, low IQ, slow mobility, and behavoral problems. They have been on Medicaid for many years now.

Dad always had custody and cared for the boys but he passes away seven years ago. Before he died he moved Mom in with us! She is 90 years old with Altzheimers and only Social Security income. Peaple like Doug and Dan can not survive on their own even with the love of their mother and devoted sister. They would be in an institution now if it were not for their SSI and Medicaid. Please don't take away the boys Medicaid.

Please feel free to edit this story as I am not a writter and tend to give too much informsation

The Arc.

Date: 2017-09-22 19:42:15
To: My Senator
From: Cindy Norwood
State: Ohio
Email: [redacted]

In 1983 my daughter Jessica was born four months too soon and weighed only a pound and half. She spent the first year and a half of her life in the hospital. We brought her home expecting she would die within weeks. Today she is a vibrant productive 34 year old young lady that lives on her own, works full time, sings in her church choir, has an associates degree from community college, and volunteers in her community. Her life is valued and productive and yes she has an intellectual developmental disability. We focus on what she can do. Medicaid pays for homemaker personal care up to 20 hours a week. This proposed cut to Medicaid is her only lifeline to living independently. She has health insurance from her employer, they don't cover hearing aids, homemaker personal care or orthopedic inserts for her shoes so she can walk without pain. Medicare is also a health insurance option she has that does not pay for these items. Three types of health care coverage and only Medicaid helps her live independently. Cutting, block grants or other measures to reduce the federal commitment to care for Jessica is devastating. How can a country that made a promise to care for the most vulnerable say, sorry, your life costs too much, we need to save money? Please vote no on this horrible proposal. No caps, no cuts, hands off Medicaid.

Date: 2017-09-21 20:39:18
To: My Senator
From: Cynthia DeSantis
State: Ohio
Email: [redacted]

The Arc.

My son has had Medicaid for the last 10 years. I am a single mother not making a great living. We would be lost without Medicaid. He has many pre existing problems, and has resently been diagnosed with autism.

Medicaid has made a difference in the care my son has had.

Date: 2017-09-22 22:58:18
To: My Senator
From: Nancy Hamilton
State: Ohio
Email: [redacted]

My daughter is 30 years old and she has been disabled since birth. After going to so many doctors over the first few years she has never been diagnosed except Cerebral Palsy. She has several medical conditions. At 2 years old, she had eye surgery because they were crossed. It didn't work, so the doctor said she had to get glasses. At 4 years old she had dislocated hips and the doctors had to put pins and plates in both her hips. She was in a full body case for 6 weeks. This was before she got on Medicaid. Then at 5 years old I was contacted by the county that she was eligible for the IO Waiver program. So by filling out a lot of papers she was put on Medicaid. It has helped me out because her father ran off when he knew she was handicapped. A year later they took the pins and plates out. But she still couldn't walk. Since her doctor then did not want to brace her I went and got a second opinion. They braced her feet and she was able to walk. Of course she lost her balance now and then. The doctor that wouldn't brace her was amazed. She is still wearing braces to this day. 25 years later. She went to school at MRDD at the time it was called at 1 year old. She graduated in special needs class in 2009. She is developmentally delayed. But she learns a lot at her program. I found out many years later when they did another MRI that her cerribulum did n't develope. She needs Medicaid so much and if you cut it to where my daughter will not be able to attend I will be lost because she will go down hill in becoming independent. She is doing so well and she can't work outside the home. She cannot have any alone time. Please I am asking you to think about what you are doing to thousands of children and adults with disabilities. Their lives and families will be crushed. Don't cut Medicaid please.

Date: 2017-09-21 19:54:11
To: My Senator
From: Jackie Houdeshell
State: Ohio
Email: [redacted]

Hi I am Jackie Houdeshell. I am a widowed mother of a special needs adult son. I have been taking take of him for 41 years. He needs care 24/7, all day every day. My son has an IO Waiver through Medicaid. This waiver helps me to be able to take care of him at home. We are totally dependent on this Medicaid funding. Without this waiver money we would be out on the street.

My son cannot do anything for himself including eating, drinking, bathing or anything else. My full-time job is taking care of my son. I can't work outside the home unless I would pay someone else to take care of him. That would leave me with no money at all. please do not Medicaid funding in any way shape or form. There are many thousands of families in this same spot in life. Do not hurt us to rush a bill through that won't help anyone but the insurance companies. Please do the right thing and leave Medicaid alone!

Date: 2017-09-23 10:03:30
To: My Senator
From: Cindy Molloy
State: Ohio
Email: [redacted]

Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) are a lifeline for people with developmental disabilities (DD). My adult daughter has autism and intellectual disability. She has to work very hard every day just to make sense of the world around her. Yet, she is able to contribute to her community in meaningful ways by volunteering at Ronald McDonald House and our local food pantry and in paid employment at local non-profits. She can only do this because of the support she receives in a program whose operating budget is more than 50% Medicaid dollars. The rest comes from constant grant writing and fund raising by parents and staff.

Without HCBS, her program and other small programs could not survive. Even large providers like Goodwill and Easter Seals who depend on HCBS funding would have to scale back. Many people with DD could not particpate in the workforce. Their parents would have to leave the workforce to be at home with them when there is nowhere else to go. The direct care providers, transportaion staff and other support staff, and even administrators would lose their jobs. I have seen little attention given to these financially devastating effects of proposed Medicaid cuts.

Like most parents of young adults who will never be able to live independently, we worry endlessly about what will happen to her when we're gone. We're working in our community to find solutions, but we cannot work toward a solution for her future if we lose all that she has gained because of cuts to Medicaid that would be devastating to her now.

The Arc.

Date: 2017-09-21 17:56:58
To: My Senator
From: Lauren Wade
State: Ohio
Email: [redacted]

What Medicaid cuts would mean to me

1 cuts in healthcare- Because I was born with Williams Syndrome, I have a preexisting condition. Many health related issues would not be covered.

2 Medicaid Waivers- Transportation, job training & Respite Care would all be affected. I am unable to drive and need these waivers to live independently with some support & work

Date: 2017-09-21 17:13:29
To: My Senator
From: Lysandre McNally
State: Ohio
Email: [redacted]

Our son William turns 26 today. It's a sad day because he's no longer on our Insurance and now only has Medicaid to fall back on . It's been a stressful transition for us because we have to find new Doctors etc. but at least we have Medicaid to fall back on and that's all we have for him. William is an individual with Autism on a waiver. He works at UcO in Union county, 25 hours a week for $8.15 an hour and lives at home. We are William's caregivers. I believe we are called "Volunteer Caregivers". Of course we volunteer to take care of him. He's our son. However, William requires 4 medications a day to function. Without these meds, William wouldn't be able to go through the day, focus, follow direction and accomplish anything. William cannot afford his meds with his salary. We as a family cannot afford to pay for those meds either and William is no longer on my Husband's Insurance so we need Medicaid to pay for his medication. We also need his waiver to help with other services which allows him to have a job. It's a simple story. It's just his story. There are many like William. They all need Medicaid to function or some other option as good or better then Medicaid funds.

Date: 2017-09-22 09:29:08
To: My Senator
From: Kathi Lowery
State: Ohio
Email: [redacted]

The Arc.

My 34 year old challenged daughter,diagnosed with Phelan McDermid syndrom is a beautiful non-verbal soul of perfection. She resides with me, her father was not up to the challenge when she was born and left me to be her lifelong caregiver. It has been my honor to do so. Bridget depends on her healthcare provisions to ensure her quality of life. I urge you to support Bridgets right to supportive healthcare because all our children despite their age, stuggle lifelong infirmities that were not their choice. You will never hear them complain , They face each day, with an unconditional love ,can you say the same? I cannot the qualties they bring this world are often iverlooked, because of dismissive behaviours of the generalized population. Do not be the one to dismiss the needs of this special population .The proposed bill before you will dramatically affect Bridget and many thousands of human beings across the United States,their quality of life depends on you, at this point only your vote can ensure her future. Please recognize that she needs her services to fit into OUR world, she works very hard every hour of every day TO find her way, and every day she does it with a beautiful smile, and a heart of perserverenc and love. Please do not codemn her needs. Thank You.

Date: 2017-09-21 21:53:37
To: My Senator
From: Mary Nix
State: Ohio
Email: [redacted]

I am a 24/7 caregiver for my sister. I knew I would do this ever since she was diagnosed with Cornelia de Lange 49 years ago. She was 6 & I was 11. The other thing that happened after she was diagnosed was my parents insurance would not cover her because of her disability, so she had to go on Medicare/Medicaid. She's been on it every since.

She attended school after my mom and many others fought hard for that RIGHT. She had behaviors as she aged, and due to vertigo had extreme trouble travelling, sometimes jumping out of the car. Due to that, my folks adapted and after school her neurologist suggested she not attend a workshop. Over the years she did not go out much, only by riding in the back seat with a person on each side holding her hand. It was tough, but we adapted.

As my parents aged, I realized we needed more help, and we were given great caregivers paid for by Medicaid funding. They worked miracles with my sister, earning her trust and even getting her to travel in the front seat of a car with them. They drove for weeks at 5 miles an hour, talking her through every mile, But still I did not attempt it.

Our Dad passed away in 2011 and Mom in 2013 which was when I first began caring for her 24/7. It is a big job. My children are grown, but my sister needs an adult with her 24/7. She cannot wipe her bottom, cook meals, walk any distance, dress herself, answer the door, NOT answer the door to strangers. It's a labor of love, she is my sister, but without her Medicaid I don't know how we'd care for her medically.

I am also an Adult Family Living Provider and I get a daily stipend for keeping her with us in our home in the community. IT works well for me as it allows me to work part time and still have time to do the things she needs for her care.

I remember the days when individuals with a disability were sent to institutions, sometimes naked, sharing toothbrushes. They were treated inhumanely. Capping Medicaid may force those inhumane practices to return. I do NOT know all the answers, but I know that this vulnerable population deserves at a minimum continued care as is, certainly not less.

Because of Medicaid paid caregivers, my sister now rides in the front seat of a car with me and goes everywhere with me in the community. It has been a miraculous transformation that would most likely not have happened without their care. Can you imagine after thirty years what it was like for me when she requested to travel in front with me in our care? It was like every best Christmas and winning the lottery all in one! This happened because of Medicaid funding for caregivers who helped her.

Please remember families like us. We had no choice to rely on Medicaid for our family member. Insurance rejected them. Please remember how your vote will affect our family and others like us.

Thank you.

Date: 2017-09-21 17:38:16
To: My Senator
From: Cherie Wright
State: Ohio
Email: [redacted]

The Arc®

The importance of MEDICAID waivers and not cutting services for the disabled !!!!!

I am a 49 year-old female, severely disabled with motor neuron disease, dysautonomia, colonic inertia, gastroparesis, cerebellum atrophy, neurogenic bladder and several other disorders. Other than approximately three hours a day, I am bedbound. I leave my house for doctor appointments and hospital admissions.

I have had 3 surgeries for neurogenic bladder and have a neuro stimulator placed in my lower back. I have a port in my chest where I receive hydration twice a week in my home. I am on a special liquid diet. My body is unable to process solids. I have lost eighty pounds and am trying to avoid the use of a feeding tube.

I have a porch lift to be able to leave my home, I have a wheelchair, adaptive bathroom, many things that help me day today that is paid for by Medicaid, last year alone I had four to five hospital admissions, I rely on Medicaid as I am a single woman with no one to help me financially, this has to help me pay for these things, for my life. To be alive.

My sister found that she could be my Independent Provider and care for me and allow me to stay at home. I live on the first floor with her above me on 2nd floor . It makes caring for me more personal and allows me to stay in my home. Otherwise, I would need 24 hour care in a nursing facility.

If I was not on a waiver I would have nowhere else to go as my sister would have to have another job. My sister provides a majority of myhours (and then some as in during night) with an extra aid covering evening shift and occasional Saturday evenings. Otherwise my sister handles it all.

She washes me, dresses me, feeds me, positions me in bed, washes my clothes, prepares my food, cleans my room, my bathroom, takes me to doctor appts. The list goes on and on.

I need around-the-clock care for my bladder and colon issues. I never know when I'm going to need to use the restroom or other assistance.

At the age of 49, I do not want to have to live in a nursing home. Would living in a nursing facility with many people several much older at 49 be anyone's choice? Would it be yours?

My mother just passed in October due to cancer. And my dad presently has cancer. So I can't turn to family for help. I have no one except my sister. I trust and rely on my sister for the constant care I need.

I live on SSI and Medicaid. I, along with many others, do not have the luxury of hiring private care in case of illness.

I am not speaking for just myself. I am speaking for many others that are unable to speak for themselves.

Where would all of the individuals that would be displaced without Medicaid and waivers. There will be a multitude of individuals that will be pulled from their homes. Is there enough proper housing to meet the individual needs like Independent Providers currently do? What would that housing look like? How would they be staffed? Most importantly, who will explain to these individuals why they can no longer live with those they know.

No one is immune to disease or disability. As a nation we are responsible to help others that cannot help themselves. We cannot fail people with disabilities and their families. We cannot allow greed to destroy the lives of millions. We must stand together and demand better for all families.

Vote NO on this negatively life altering bill.

Sincerely,

Cherie Wright

[redacted]

Ravenna, Ohio. [redacted]

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**Nicole Jorwic**

**From:** Sandra Kleiser Black [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 7:39 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** OHIO

My daughter, Naomi, was born with a brain tumor in May of 2009. She has numerous lifelong disabilities as a result, and she also has Down syndrome. Following the brain tumor surgery at just 7 weeks of age, Naomi's medical and therapy appointments became so frequent that I had to reduce my employment to part time. I was no longer eligible for health insurance benefits through my employer, but was able to receive coverage through my husband's plan. Within six months, however, he abandoned our family, leaving me with no health insurance at all. I had to stop taking my cholesterol lowering medication because I could not afford it, that is until Medicaid became available to me. And, while Naomi remained on her father's health insurance plan, she reaches it's maximum therapy coverage by mid-February of each year. Without Medicaid, Naomi would not be able to continue receiving the therapies that are helping her learn to walk, talk and function at home, at school and in the community. Medicaid has been a critical component of my family's healthcare for the past several years. And, for my daughter, Medicaid will be a critical component of her healthcare, her therapy services in school (physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, vision therapy, and orientation and mobility) as well as her daily life as she strives to succeed as a future adult who is an independent and employable member of society.

Sincerely,

Sandra Black
Single, working mom of two little girls, one of whom has significant special needs

**From:** Jennifer Snyder [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 10:38 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** OHIO - Medicaid Matters to Me

Dear Senator,
I am writing to encourage you to vote No on the BCRA. I am the mother of a young child with Down syndrome, and any caps or cuts to Medicaid would be a life changing setback to my son and others with disabilities, especially those who depend on Home and Community Based Services waivers. There is no other resource available to our community that can provide the resources to help my child learn, live and work alongside his peers in the same way as Medicaid. I am also opposed to any rollbacks to the protections afforded by the ACA, and I encourage you to vote no on those grounds as well. Thank you for serving all the people of Ohio.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Snyder
Westerville, Ohio

**From:** Josh and Heidi Shenk [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 2:52 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** Medicaid Matters to Me - Ohio

As a physical therapist, I see daily how important Medicaid is in the lives of so many people, especially the elderly in this country. We are a country that does not provide for our elderly, so as they weaken and get sick, they have no choice but to "spend down", sell off their assets, use every bit of money they have and when they have finally run out of money, accept Medicaid to provide the final care that they need. These is not an easy pill to swallow but but without any other resources, the only one that many have. Taking this away would leave our elderly with nowhere to go and no healthcare at all.
I also have a brother with intellectual disabilities. He is in his 50's and my parents have provided his daily needs since birth. However as my parents age, they will soon be longer able to care for him and themselves. He is a Medicaid recipient through no fault of his own and not through a lack of hard work. He simply has nothing else available to him. Who would provide for his health care needs if Medicaid was taken away?

Please vote no.

Heidi Shenk

## Nicole Jorwic

**From:** Jamie Reinoehl [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 9:33 AM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** Medicaid Matters

Dear Senators,

Medicaid matters for kids with disabilities. Our adoptive son has required assorted therapies from Physical and Occupational to Emotional Therapy since he was placed in our home as a foster child at the age of 9 months. These therapies have taken place both in school and outside of school.

He is a very smart and creative child that I have no doubt will change the world some day. The fact of the matter is that without having the needed services available to him he would definitely not be successful.

Healthcare is a right not a privilege. It is inconceivable that you would even consider cutting benefits for those individuals with the most need.

Please do what is right.

Thank you,

Jamie Reinoehl
Ohio

**From:** Susan Lieber [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, July 16, 2017 10:50 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** Ohio

I have a handicapped Nephew that depends on Medicaid. He depends on that money to survive.

I also work in an Assisted Living Facility that accepts Medicaid Waivers. It's the only way these people can get the help they need in places like Assisted Living. It would devastating to cut this funding.

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Susan Lieber

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Karen Uspenski [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, July 16, 2017 10:19 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** Ohio

Dear Senator Portman,

Please vote no on the latest version of the Better Care Reconciliation Act. The devastating cuts to Medicaid impact my son who is 37 and receiving services through an I/O waiver through Medicaid. He and his friends depend upon Medicaid for basic life necessities and for employment opportunities. There is a facility in Geneva, OH that takes care of over 50 disabled men. Many of them have no families. The staff have been anxious about cuts to the system and are finding jobs elsewhere. It's not easy to find people to work with the disabled population and this atmosphere of cuts and reductions have made the situation even worse. ICF's have been forced to downsize, waivers are providing staff to residents forced to move out & now waivers are being threatened & ICF's have lost clients, staff & funding. When Medicaid is cut, what will happen to those disabled individuals forced into community settings and dependent upon waiver (Medicaid) money for their daily needs? Perhaps ICF's need to be reinforced, not dismantled. The safety and well being of our disabled population is in a crisis situation.

My son is in a community setting and was promised care and staffing that will allow him to be a contributing member of the community. Without Medicaid this is not possible . Please vote no on this latest version of Robinhood in reverse.

Respectfully yours,

Karen Uspenski
[redacted]
Chardon, OH [redacted]
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Karen Uspenski

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| **From:** | Kenneth Lilly [redacted] |
| **Sent:** | Sunday, July 16, 2017 10:00 PM |
| **To:** | Nicole Jorwic |
| **Subject:** | State of Ohio Vote on Better Care Reconciliation Act of 2017 |

Hi Nicole,
A friend on Facebook directed me to you, and that I should send you a message to print for my Ohio Senator. You can delete all this, but here is the message below and thanks very much!

Dear Senator Portman,

My 9 year old son Bennett has multiple severe disabilities including Autism, Intellectual Disability, Global Development Delay and Epilepsy. He had a brain tumor at 18 months I didn't know about, had a DTaP vaccination which bumped into that, triggering some horrific childhood specific seizures called Infantile Spasms. The initial diagnosis missed the tumor and so Bennett spent the next several months in full time seizure mode while different medications were tried and failed.

Eventually we got the correct diagnosis from the Cleveland Clinic, the tumor was removed and though the seizures stopped after the surgery the damage from the whole ordeal will be with him his entire life. He learns but at a snail's pace. A good friend in the Special Needs community coined the phrase "Inchstones". I've always liked it.

Bennett's best chance at continued progress has been and will always be the gains he makes alongside therapists he works with daily, all graciously covered by his Medicaid package. This package would allow us to take respite. We don't. It would allow us to have in-home care. We've resisted it though his aggressive behavior (an aspect of his disabilities) has my wife and I bruised, scarred and living in fear.

But without these funds, there is no hope. Tomorrow, for example, I meet with someone I've been patiently waiting to have a follow-up with since January 10, to set a plan in motion just to learn things in the home for crisis management with Bennett's more violent outbursts. I could not afford this without Medicaid. I had to give up my career to be available for him in the mornings and afternoons. I do some work out of the house when I can. That's what Dad's do. You do what you can when you can.

I'd be the first to argue that Medicaid has some serious flaws (especially here in Ohio I see them vividly) that need to be corrected, but slashing it via this repeal of the ACA is not good for those who need care, not good for the state and not good for our country. You were quoted as saying "Congress must take responsible action that lowers health care costs, but these changes must be made in a way that does not leave people behind." Despite our political differences, I respect you Senator and believe that you clearly see that this bill leaves many Ohioans, and many more Americans, behind.

I am hoping that the faith all Ohioans have in your balanced leadership will be justified when you cast your vote on our behalf. Thank you very much for your time, sir.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lilly
[redacted]
Sunbury, Ohio [redacted]

**Nicole Jorwic**

**From:** Donovan, Julia [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, July 16, 2017 9:13 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** OHIO

The bible tells us to "remember the other" and someone how, in this political and social environment, we have forgotten the downtrodden and disabled.

I work alongside, and for, people with disabilities. Voting yes on the Better Care Reconciliation Act will leave too many people without adequate care. Medicaid is truly imperative for many people. I ask you to take the time to listen to them, get to know them and to understand that they are hardworking, insightful, smart and funny people. They are no different and they deserve no less. I could talk about the millions that this will effect, but that seems to big, too distant. I think of Frandchesta, a young person, with a significant disability who is aging out of foster care, and, at 19 and as a recent high school graduate, is about to transition out on her own. She will never go to college but she has worth and has value. She is looking for her first job, one in which her guardian has repeatedly told her she is not capable of having. I will continue to fight and advocate for a society where we take care of all our neighbors. A society where we look people in the eye, human to human, and say, "yes, I will help you and the American Dream applies to you too."

Please vote no.

Thank you,

**Julia Donovan**
*Employment Services Director*
Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)
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| **From:** | Janice Phelps Williams [redacted] |
| **Sent:** | Sunday, July 16, 2017 10:21 AM |
| **To:** | Nicole Jorwic |
| **Subject:** | Ohio |

Dear Senator Portman:

Thank you for the careful consideration you are giving to health care and health insurance in our country. I can appreciate that the task, and a senator's job, these days are difficult.

It is also difficult to be the parent of a child with multiple disabilities. My son, who is 36-years-old, relies on a Medicaid waiver to provide him with supports so that he can live outside of an institution. He lived in a nursing home for 11 years and in a state developmental center for 1 year.

Since moving into his own apartment in the community in 2015, he has blossomed. He is part of his neighborhood. He knows his neighbors, and their names, and they know him. He attends day programs each weekday, including a program with a horticulture-based vocational program. Additionally, he makes wonderful art projects and has for 4 years. These items are much appreciated by folks on Facebook and by his staff, friends, and family. He is busy, learning, maturing, and being given the skills to live as independently as possible and up to his full potential. He is learning how to be responsible for an apartment, how to prepare and choose food, and all the various steps in adulthood that all of us have to learn. We have not yet seen all that he can do.

Medicaid pays for his weekly trips to a hospital wound clinic. Last year he was hospitalized 4 times. Without Medicaid supports, he would not have a nurse coming to his home 2 times a day to administer medication and check on his wounds. When he had a blood clot in his neck, and I was in another state, his staff quickly took measures to get him to the hospital for life-saving treatment. These staff work for $9-$10/hour, and they are dedicated to learning (also) and doing their best. Since they do not have to have a college degree, but are managed in caring for my son in accordance with his County-developed plan, this is a way for them to have a reliable job doing good work. Medicaid pays for their wage.

I am 61 years old. I have had insurance with Anthem Blue Cross for about 18 years. I self-pay for insurance as I am self-employed and have been since 1998. A few weeks ago Blue Cross canceled my policy due to "instability in the insurance market" that the customer service rep. told me was related to what is going on right now in government. I will not know until November what sort of insurance I might be eligible for and how much it will cost. I will have only about a month to learn about this and decide if I can afford insurance.

My concern is that if the ACA is repealed that my son will lose his Medicaid waiver and not have caregivers any longer. This would land him back in a nursing home, but there are few spots in such places, especially for someone in their 30s. He cannot live on his own.

I worry that I will not have insurance I can afford to pay for in the few years I have until I can qualify for Medicare. Also, I have a 96-year-old mother who may need nursing home care one day. She has spent much of her life savings on helping her 2 other daughters (in their 70s) who have serious health problems.

My ancestors on my mother's side were one of the first non-Native American families to live in the Western Reserve. My ancestors on my father's side were founders of Hartford, CT. My husband's family were political and business leaders, in the Cleveland and Columbus areas for many decades. Our ties to Ohio are very strong and we love Ohio. But we also care about its citizens who are vulnerable to mental illness, disability, age, and addiction.

Thank you for voting against Repeal and Replace, and working with others to fix what problems do exist in the ACA/Obamacare.

Best,

**Nicole Jorwic**

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**From:** Joan Young [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 4:43 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** Medicaid for my I/dd son

I am 75. My son needs 24 hour care. Please don't cap or cut Medicaid for the I/dd. Let me have peace of mind he will have the funding to live his life to his fullest potential. I beg you... We live in Ohio. I'm trying so hard to stay alive to advocate for him. I am petrified. Please don't let his Medicaid be cut or capped. Thank you for reading this.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Nicole Jorwic**

**From:** Juli [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 3:16 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** Ohio

Vote "NO" on the proposed health bill! My daughter would not be alive with cap restrictions and pre existing clauses. And her future would change dramatically as well as her life expectancy! Please do what is right!

Sincerely,

Julianne Benware

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Nora Kelly [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 1:12 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** OHIO - Medicaid Matters, So Does Planned Parenthood

Senator Portman,

Millions of people with disabilities rely on the Medicaid program to live and work in their communities.

Planned Parenthood proves excellent care for people. Planned Parenthood is the reason I was able to raise a healthy son and be sure both he and I got the care and medical attention that was necessary before I could afford my own physician.

Do not allow a health care bill to allow insurance companies to once again discriminate against individuals with pre-existing conditions and apply a double tax on people ages 50-64 by allowing insurers to charge up to 5 times more.

Please listen to the people of Ohio and do not cut Medicaid or Planned Parenthood funding. Work to fix the problems we have; please don't create more.

Thank you.

Nora Quinn-Kelly
[redacted]
Rome, OH [redacted]

**Nicole Jorwic**

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**From:** Jennifer Clatterbuck [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 11:07 AM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** What Medicaid means to our family- Ohio

To whom it may concern,

What Medicaid means to our family:

I am a single mother to 3 children with my youngest having a rare gene mutation that causes severe epilepsy and leaves her non-verbal and unable to walk. Medicaid allows my daughter to live and gives her the best possible quality of life. Emma cannot drink and requires a g-tube to remain hydrated. She has rescue seizure medication for those scary moments her seizures require assistance to stop. She uses an eye-gaze communication device to speak to her family and interact with her peers. She needs a wheelchair to be able to attend school and community programs.Emma is the sweetest, most loving, and accepting little girl you will meet. When she looks you in the eye and gifts you with her beautiful smile, you cannot help but smile back. She gives many people hope and has brought her community together in the best, most positive way, possible.

I have always worked full time at an outside job, own my own home, and contribute to society and the economy. My first "job" that I do with devotion and love is to take care of my daughter and raise two young men who will grow into adults and do the same, but I need help to do this. Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver pays for an aid to take care of her when she isn't in school. This Waiver is an "optional" service and would be the first to go if the awful health care bill that guts Medicaid will pass.

I have private insurance through my job, and it's good insurance, but it doesn't pay for home aids, and it doesn't pay for Durable Medical that she needs like wheelchairs, lifts, and communication devices. It also doesn't pay for many medications. The cost of keeping Emma home and giving her an equal quality of life she now enjoys with the Medicaid Home waiver would be astronomical. I would fully expect to be forced to stop working full time, need to ask for assistance from the state, and I have no doubt you know the long-term statistics for children growing up in such an environment.

This decision will have ramifications far more reaching than just our special needs populations, although that is big enough. These children and adults who are being cared for in loving homes will either suffer with less medical assistance or families will be pushed to make the heartbreaking decision to institutionalize their loved one. This will present a greater cost to our country. Mental health in caregivers, which is already strained, will plummet, and cost of mental health care will skyrocket. More families who were once working and contributing to society will then be on public assistance to make ends meet. These are facts, but on a more emotional and moral level, how can you justify doing this to our most vulnerable population? People who have nothing but love and hope to give to every person they meet?

I beg you to reconsider your support of this bill and please don't let this happen.

Thank you,
Jennifer Clatterbuck
Mom to the most wonderful little girl in the world, two amazing young men, and passionate physical therapist assistant to my patients.

**From:** Patty Lust [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 10:33 AM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** MEDICAID MATTERS! OHIO

Dear Senators, I am a mother of a nonverbal, severely disabled 35 year old precious daughter who has lived at home with us since birth. It has been extremely troubling to hear of possible extreme Medicaid cuts and losing future valuable services of which our daughter needs for living and happiness. We have NEVER taken her Medicaid for granted nor abused these beneficial services, they are GREATLY appreciated. Through Medicaid she is able to board a bus and enjoy socialization with others in a supervised adult day hab, assist in paying for costly seizure medications and incontinence supplies and provide trained providers to come into our home so we can occasionally enjoy outside activities that the majority of American citizens take for granted. In watching the daily news, I have seen close to no mention of the impact the Better Care Reconciliation Act will have on disabled individuals, and it scares me. As a parent of a disabled adult child, I have constant worries for her on a daily basis and this just adds to the load. PLEASE carefully make your decision on this Act~ there is a lot at stake and I feel this is being rushed through. Disabled lives MATTER, please vote NO until changes to this bill reflect a positive outcome for our loved ones. Thank you for taking time to read this. Sincerely, Proud American~ Patricia and Dwight Lust/Ohio

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

**From:** Jen Powers [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 8:22 AM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** Ohio

I have two children, Jack and Evie. Jack is 7 years old and is autistic. Evie is 5 and has Down syndrome. My children both get special education services in school that keep them included in the general education classroom. These services are paid for in part by Medicaid. Jack and Evie have been on a Medicaid Waiver list since Evie was born. The lists are long in Ohio, but my kids would likely get a waiver when the need it entering adulthood. Medicaid will help with job training and other expenses that will help my children to live independently. One day my husband and I will be gone and, while we save as much as we can for their future, they will inevitably need support due to the high costs of disability services. Medicaid would keep my children in their community with Home and Community Based Care. Inclusion is key to success and it is cheaper for Home and Community Based services than institutional care. Cutting Medicaid like this bill proposes is immoral and doesn't make financial sense. We continue to tell our story and we believe our Senators in Ohio will do the right thing by voting no on any bill that devastates the disability community.

Thank you,
Jennifer Alge
[redacted]
Maineville OH [redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

**Nicole Jorwic**

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**From:** Mark Wax [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 7:10 AM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** Medicaid Bill ( OHIO)
**Attachments:** Dear Senator Portman.docx

Please deliver the attached.

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Dear Senator Portman,

I am writing to urge you to not allow the Senate to pass the proposed Health Care Bill.

I am the legal guardian and natural parent of Andrew. He is 25 years old and mentally incompetent since infancy. He will never be able to care for himself. Andrew depends on Medicaid.

Medicaid should be expanded, not cut. The lack of funding for Medicaid "waivers" creates undue hardship for the mentally disabled and their families. Ohio families are already suffering.

Please vote NO to proceed on this disastrous bill.

Our nation can only be judged by what we do for the least fortunate among us.

Please feel free to contact me at any time should you wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Wax

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Rocky River, Ohio [redacted]

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| **From:** | R F McKay [redacted] |
| **Sent:** | Friday, July 14, 2017 10:06 PM |
| **To:** | Nicole Jorwic |
| **Subject:** | OHIO Constituent story re Medicaid |

## Why Medicaid Matters to Me and My Family

I am not able to talk or write, so my sister is sending this email for me. I am over 60 years old, and I spent the first 20 years of my life in The Columbus State School [a.k.a. The Columbus State Institute; The Ohio Institute for Feeble-Minded Youth] at 1608 West Broad Street. It was a terrible place with harsh conditions. "Custodian Care" they called it. It was not a way anyone would want to live.

When Medicaid, and then Medicaid Waiver, came along, circumstances got better for me. I was able to move to a smaller institution closer to my parents, who could visit me without driving 6 hours (from Elyria to Columbus and back).

Eventually I was placed in a group home for six in Medina. It's not bad — it's the closest thing to a real home I've known since I was a small child. Still, services are underfunded. The staff isn't paid enough, and as a result, there is constant turnover and shortages. Smaller group homes are needed. More personalized support is needed.

My family has worried about my living conditions and the quality of my care from the day I was "put away" (the norm at the time). My elderly sister is the only family I have left, and she still worries about me. She is especially worried that future cutbacks in Medicaid would reduce the quality of my life. Worse, that I might be neglected or placed in danger because of dwindling resources.

Any cutbacks in Medicaid will be a step backwards, a step back into what was for me The Dark Ages.

Respectfully,

Richard Finley McKay
Medina, Ohio
(facilitated by my sister, Alice McKay)

**Nicole Jorwic**

**From:** Courtney Hansen [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 9:30 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** To Senator Rob Portman of Ohio

Dear Senator Rob Portman,

In a few short days you will play an instrumental part in my 4-year-old son's future. Troy has Down syndrome and currently relies on Medicaid services for school therapy, a bus aid, and Extended School Year in the summer. Medicaid cuts under the current Senate bill just release Thursday would put Troy's future independence at risk. More than $700 billion dollars in cuts to Medicaid are proposed over the next decade. By the end of those cuts, my son will be transitioning to adulthood. He will need transitional services like a job coach, transportation help to work, and independent living supports. We expect our son to do his part, and be a contributing member of society, but he will need support. We can't do it alone. Even thought we are firmly planted in the middle class, our savings would be pinched to pay for 40 years of living and medical expenses for our adult son with Down syndrome. We have an ABLE account and plan to save as much as we can, but we need to know that our community, our nation supports our child's success.

Life expectancy for individuals with Down syndrome have more than doubled from the time I was born in 1982 to when Troy was born in 2012. This is due in large part to Medicaid. Ronald Regan signed into law the Medicaid waiver program for children with disabilities. This bipartisan program has revolutionized the way people like my son live life. They are no longer institutionalized. People with Down syndrome hold jobs, pay taxes, get married, and live independently; all with the help of the federal government. This is cheaper than institutionalizing our children. The richest nation in the world should not be questioning whether or not our nation's most vulnerable citizen should receive supports to live the most independent, community-based life as possible.

Please, I beg you, VOTE NO to the current healthcare bill in the Senate. Carve outs would only be for select states (with low population density), and only for a short number of years...this is not a solution to this bill's Medicaid problem. It's bad for Troy, it's bad for Ohio, and it's bad for our nation! We can do better. Take your time and don't reform healthcare on the backs of our nation's most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you,
Courtney Hansen
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**From:** Wendy Kline [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 8:34 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic; Wendy Kline; [redacted]
**Subject:** Ohio Senators regarding Medicaid

7-14-17

Dear Ohio Senators,

We have a 29 year old son who has autism, ADHD, anxiety disorder and Bipolar Disorder. He relies on Medicaid for his Level One Waiver Services which provide him 5 hours of assistance a week to help him learn skills to help him to live independently, transportation to his job and assess to his job setting.
If he was not on this Medicaid Waiver , I think he would have extreme difficulty in the regular job market due his disabilities, disorganization, difficulty managing his stress level, lack of transportation, and time off that he occasionally needs due to his disabilities. He has worked in the regular job market in the past and failed.

He is presently working in a job setting supported by the Department of Developmentally Disabled doing piece work. He does over 2000 pieces a day and is earning well over minimum wage, paying taxes, Social Security, Medicare and contributing to his community. He recently became eligible for Social Security for the Disabled based on his own work credit which has lowered his reliability on Supplemental Security Income.

He relies on Medicaid for his Medicaid Waiver, medical treatment, therapies and medication. Without these sevices, he would not be able to work, live independently, or function in his community.

My husband and I are getting older and we have major concerns about who is going to help him when we no longer can. He will rely on his Medicaid Waiver and will need a different Medicaid Waiver which provides additional services in the future.

Please carefully consider any cuts to Medicaid which provide vital support to our son and other people with disabilities.

Thank you for reading this letter and for your continued support for essential services like Medicaid.

Wendy Kline
[redacted]

**Nicole Jorwic**

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**From:** Tina Radabaugh [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 8:24 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** OHIO

I have raised my cousin's son for the past 22 years,(he is 23). He recieves medicaid and is on the Independent Options Waiver, without these 2 programs I would be unable to provide a home, his medications ( for seizures) his incontinent care products,or his enteral supplies (for his feeding disorder). I am currently also his Home Care Provider through his waiver. I am paid to care for him from 9 am to 9 pm, 7 days a week. My current rate of pay is set at a daily rate of $82.05 per day. This averages out to $6.84 per hour. I have dealt with agency personel in the past and have had to deal with thieves, husbands,phone calls and bill collectors, not to mention the neglect of duty that has been recorded on video. He has been left to lie in his bed for hours before being fed or his clothing changed while in the care of an agency aide, he has been left to sit in his own feces while his agency aide was on her personal cell phone talking to her mother. I fear that cuts to these programs will make it absolutely impossible for me to continue to care for him in our own home and will force me to go back to work outside of the home and leave him in the questionable care of someone I don't know. This worries me endlessly and causes many sleepless nights. It is difficult as it is for us to make ends meet but we manage as best we can. Please do not cut these much needed resources any further. Please remember the many, many families like mine that are struggling every day to make sure our family members are safe and well cared for. Family members that often have no voice of their own, like Aaron, or are unable to defend themselves in other ways.

Respectfully,

Mrs Tina Radabaugh

**From:** Wendy Kline [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 8:19 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic; Wendy Kline; [redacted]
**Subject:** Medicaid

7-14-17
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My husband and I are getting older and we have major concerns about who is going to help him when we no longer can. He will rely on his Medicaid Waiver and will need a different Medicaid Waiver which provides more services in the future.

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Thank you for reading this letter and for your continued support for essential services like Medicaid.

Wendy Kline
[redacted]
Portage County of Ohio

**Nicole Jorwic**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 3:26 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** Ohio (for senator Portman)

Hello. My name is Cherie.

I have motor neuron disease, dysautonomia, gastroparesis, neurogenic bladder and other disabilities. I am 100 percent bed and wheelchair bound. I am divorced and have no possible way to work. Medicaid is my life line. Without the medical care, doctors, prescriptions, hospitals, etc, I could die.
I depend on Medicaid for all my health care services. I am grateful it exists to help so many in need. Without it I may not be alive. Per capita caps would limit the amount or quality of care I receive which could have a devastating effect on my life.
I also depends on LongTerm Services. I have aids that come into my home to get my food, bathe me, dress me, shop for me, clean up my home. So many things. Without them I could not function on my own. Institution living is not an option
Please help protect our rights and vote no on the healthcare bill.

Thank you

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

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| **From:** | Jackie Houdeshell [redacted] |
| **Sent:** | Friday, July 14, 2017 2:51 PM |
| **To:** | Nicole Jorwic |
| **Subject:** | Medicaid Ohio |

Hi Senator Portman and the other Senators must vote NO on this latest healthcare bill. I am widowed with a disabled son who requires 24/7 care. He has Medicaid to help pay for his prescriptions and healthcare. He has a Medicaid waiver to help keep him at home where he is loved and comfortable. Without Medicaid my son and I would be homeless.!! Senators must vote NO on this bill. We cannot survive without the help from Medicaid. Please vote as we need you to. We will remember how you vote. You represent us!! Thank You, Jackie Houdeshell
proud to be from Ohio!

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 1:53 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** OHIO Medicaid

What Medicaid means to my family:
My son is 16.8 years old. He is adopted. He is diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Bipolar Disorder, Autism Level 1, ADHD, anxiety Disorder. He has a grade 3 level math. His life skills are stunted. He will never be independent. He is on the waiting list for the Medicaid expansion for when he is an adult and can go into assisted living. Without Medicaid- where will he go? What will pay for his life-saving medications for his Bipolar Disorder?
Medicaid is a must for him.
My daughter is 13, she is adopted.
She has Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Bipolar, ADHD, and Anxiety.
She should be able to hold down a job. It might be one that isn't well paying. Doesn't mean she's lazy, or not willing to work. It means she may not be able to compete with today's job expectations. She may need Medicaid to get her Medications and keep a doctor to survive.
I am urging you, Mr. Portman, once again, to please consider these children and the many others in Ohio and around the country.

Thank you.
Cheryl Michels
[redacted] Warren OH

Sent from my iPhone

**Nicole Jorwic**

**From:** Sherry B[redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 1:36 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** Ohio

Dear Senator Portman,

As a parent of a developmentally and emotionally handicapped adult, I ask you to vote no on the better care reconciliation act.
It would be totally devastating to our daughter, should it pass in it current state. She depends heavily on the services she get through it, and we are at a loss as to how we would move forward with out this life altering support.
Thank you, for your attention to this matter.
Regards,
Charlie and Sherry Breitenbach

**From:** Antoine Burts [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 1:19 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** OHIO

We are praying for you to do what's best for the millions of needs conected to those that rely on Medicaid..... and not take away yet add to the current funding.... in God we trust.......
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**Nicole Jorwic**

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**From:** Justin Blumhorst [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 12:45 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** How Medicaid Matters to Me

Hello, my name is Justin Blumhorst. I work for Capabilities, an agency in Ohio that employees 150 people and works with over 2,300 people per year to help them work to their goal of community employment through Medicaid waiver services.

As you consider any changes to the Medicaid program such as what is proposed in the BCRA (block grants, per capita caps) which reduces overall federal spending for these services, I want to make sure you have information about the services that this supports for people with disabilities.

A reduction in funding and thus services for individuals with disabilities would have the following effects:

- Losing home and community-based services and supports = Waiting lists for services would quickly grow.
- Losing home and community-based services and supports (which include employment supports) = Reduces the number of people from returning or entering the workforce and converting to taxpayers
- Losing critical services such as personal care, mental health, prescription drugs, and rehabilitative services = Scarce service options. Reductions could even become so scarce that they are non existent. If funds become more scarce, states may decide to stop providing these services altogether.
- Shifting the costs to individuals or family members to make up for the federal cuts. The costs of providing health care and long term services and supports will not go away, but will be shifted to individuals, parents, states, and providers.
- More likelihood that the class action court case Ball v. Kasich could find the state liable and responsible for putting people in segregated environments.

Any changes to Medicaid must strengthen, protect, and stabilize the direct support professional workforce that supports individuals with disabilities.

Here's why:

- Workforce is KEY to services for people with intellectual disabilities - individuals with significant disabilities rely on STAFF to help with daily life activities, job coaching, transportation and more. Around 80% of the Medicaid funding in this arena goes to WORKFORCE known as direct support professionals (DSPs)!
- According to the National Core Indicators study that many states participate in, the national direct support professional turnover rate in our field is 45 percent and in many states it is higher than that. With such limited funds, we need to be able to keep and pay qualified staff to continue to offer stable and quality services to the people we currently serve rather than spend those critical dollars on constantly rehiring and retraining a new workforce.
- We also need direct support professionals to decrease the overwhelming in-state waiting lists in many states of individuals with IDD who need but are not yet receiving services.
- We are price-takers, not price-setters. We want to employ more people and expand our services to meet the needs of your constituents, but states set the reimbursement rates which pay for our services (with approval from CMS or RSA) and we cannot negotiate the rates we need to meet demand.

Please consider how changes to the Medicaid program will affect how much we can invest in our workforce, be competitive employers, and serve individuals so they can live full lives in the community. Limiting or capping funds to states will widen the gap between our ability to offer services and demand.

I will be happy to give you more information on the services we provide in your district, how we fit into the Medicaid program, and our workforce. Please see me as a local resource for your office!

Sincerely,

Justin Blumhorst
Operations Leader
Capabilities
[redacted]
Dayton, OH [redacted]

**Nicole Jorwic**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 12:22 PM
**To:** Nicole Jorwic
**Subject:** OHIO MEDICAID MATTERS

**Importance:** High

Dear Senator Portman and Marci Kaptur:

The City of Toledo is under attack from those who are in the grips of heroin addiction. ***There is also a very large population of the elderly who depend upon the ability to access rest homes so that they can live their lives out in dignity. I know many Sisters of St. Francis in Sylvania, OH who spent their lives doing good acts for society that will be on the street if Medicaid is cut. They will no longer be able to live their lives out with dignity and a long deserved rest in their safe "Rosary Care" rest home. I myself do not want to see these good sisters suffer just because their richer fellow citizens want more tax breaks instead of letting Medicaid pay for their rest home care in their twilight years.***

If you allow the predatory bill being pushed by Mitch McConnell to pass, it will not be "better" for those that depend upon Medicaid to get out of the grips of addiction and/or live their lives out with dignity and safety.

It is especially heinous that you want to cut Medicaid just so you can find money to give the rich yet more tax breaks (in the billions) that they really don't need.

They say a society is judged by their treatment of those less fortunate. Right now, I would say the United States will be judged harshly if the Republican party gets its way under the misguided leadership of Senator Mitch McConnell. His bill WILL NOT BE BETTER for the 99% so I am begging Senators in Ohio to VOTE NO on the passage of this horrible ***"Deathcare"*** bill.

Yours,

Mary Rabideau-Pagels

Toledo, Ohio