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Governor Mike DeWine
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

I write this letter to respectfully ask that you to take action in regard to the startling number of people disenrolled by Medicaid in recent months. As a result of the end of the continuous enrollment procedures which took effect throughout the pandemic, we have seen over 395,000 people disenrolled with 114,000 of those being children. While many of those people who were disenrolled may not meet current eligibility requirements, we must account for the individuals and families who have additional hardships which may cause disenrollment even though they meet eligibility requirements.

We must develop and quickly implement a plan to ensure that our most vulnerable receive the medical coverage and benefits that they need. We cannot simply accept the fact that many of those facing disenrollment might not have alternative ways of seeking coverage. Furthermore, I ask that we take a data-driven approach to this problem. As leaders we should be able to answer questions such as “Of those disenrolled, how many have alternative methods of receiving coverage?”, and “Of those disenrolled, how many still qualify for benefits?” Until we can answer these questions, I urge a pause on the disenrollment of children from Medicaid coverage so that we can ensure that no child that qualifies for coverage is being denied.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Willis E. Blackshear Jr." in a cursive style.

Willis E. Blackshear Jr.

State Representative House District 38