

"It's unfortunate that the extremist views of the Tea Party are now becoming policy in the Ohio House. Taking Medicaid expansion out of the budget is not some political game; it has dire consequences for all of us. It will deny Ohio 30,000 good health care jobs and \$13 billion in federal funds over the next seven years, force us all to pay higher insurance premiums, and create a \$400 million hole in our state budget.

"Most important to COHHIO, it will cast away nearly a half-million low-wage workers, people with disabilities, and other Ohioans who can't access affordable health care, and whose employers don't offer it.

"What will the future of Ohio look like if we can't even take our kids to the doctor?

"This is not the Ohio of reasonable people, but it can be. It's time for lawmakers of good will to assert themselves in the process, do the common sense thing, the right thing, the fiscally responsible thing --extend health care coverage."

-- **Bill Faith, Executive Director**

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