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Statement on House Budget and Medicaid Expansion

"We cannot accept putting politics before people. Our coalition is filling up buses to go down to Columbus on Thursday to make sure the legislature knows how important Medicaid Expansion is to Northeast Ohio. We particularly want our Cuyahoga County representatives to understand what a terrible blow this will be to our region's economy, health, families, and ability to grow jobs," says Donna Weinberger, a spokesperson for Greater Cleveland Congregations and a mental health practitioner from Solon.

Greater Cleveland Congregations is a coalition of 40 religious congregations and community organizations committed to working together to make Cuyahoga County a more just and prosperous place. GCC is the convener of the Northeast Ohio Medicaid Expansion Coalition, a NEO-MEC is a partnership of religious congregations, health care providers, community organizations, businesses, insurers, medical professionals, consumer groups, and advocates working together to help our state expand Medicaid to all Ohioans now eligible under the Affordable Care Act.