



June 27, 2013

The Honorable John R. Kasich  
Governor of Ohio  
77 S. High St., 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus OH 43215

Re: Line Item Veto Request – Language Prohibiting Extension of Medicaid Healthcare Coverage

Dear Governor Kasich:

We write today to respectfully request that you veto the provision of Am. Sub. HB 59 that prohibits the state from extending Medicaid healthcare coverage. Specifically, we are asking you to use your line item veto authority to strike out the proposed ORC section 5163.04 and references to that section.

Thanks to your leadership, Ohio has been keenly focused on the importance of extending healthcare coverage to more than 275,000 of our state's most vulnerable citizens. While we are frustrated that the General Assembly has not yet authorized coverage extension to thousands of Ohio's working poor, at the is point we must take legislative leaders at their word that this important debate will continue in the very near future. If, in fact, the debate will continue, we believe that this prohibition language is inconsistent and unnecessary.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to our continued work on this vital public policy issue.

Sincerely,

Mark Davis  
President