



Act Now!

An [article in the June 17th Columbus Dispatch](#) suggests that Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and leaders in Ohio House of Representatives have discussed fixing Ohio's \$3.2 million budget shortfall by:

- Cutting dental, vision and other Medicaid services for those most in need; and
- Cutting the Passport program, which allows people to stay in their home and avoid the nursing home setting.

This is unacceptable!

Call your statehouse leaders and conferees in the Senate and House and tell them:

- You are **AGAINST** cuts to Medicaid services that are desperately needed for the health, safety and basic needs of Ohioans;
- You **SUPPORT** cuts that will ultimately keep Ohioans with disabilities in their homes and the continuation of Ohio's long term care rebalancing efforts; and
- You support proposed insurance reforms included in the budget passed by the Ohio House of Representatives such as a fix to Ohio's open enrollment program, which was designed to make coverage available for people who were denied coverage due to preexisting conditions like multiple sclerosis, diabetes, high blood pressure or cancer in remission.

Call these leaders today and everyday, until they make the critical decisions needed to balance the state budget and maintain services to Ohioans most in need.

Conference Committee Representatives from the House

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Rep. Jay Goyal (D Mansfield)
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Conference Committee Representatives from the Senate

Senator John Carey (R. Wellston)
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House Leadership

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Finally, the Governor, who holds ultimate veto power, plays a critical role. Messages to the Governor should go to

Governor Ted Strickland
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