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The Honorable John Kasich
Governor, State of Ohio
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor Kasich,

On behalf of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Boards that we represent, we are sending to you a copy of a unanimously passed resolution that we are sending to all members of the Ohio General Assembly that calls on them to pass the Expansion of Medicaid to 138% of poverty as allowable by the Affordable Care act.

As you know over the past decade the alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services safety net has been devastated by budget cuts. While you began the process of rebuilding the behavioral health safety net in the last biennium, there are still thousands of individuals in need of services who cannot access them due to a lack of insurance.

You have taken yet another courageous and bold step in proposing the expansion of Medicaid to 138% of poverty. We completely support this expansion, as this will provide for the single largest investment in the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health systems in a great many years.

Please be aware that both the Association and our individual members will continue to advocate with the General Assembly for the expansion of Medicaid to ensure that thousands of additional Ohioans receive the alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services they so desperately need.

Thank you for fighting for Ohioans in need! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


Michael Schoenhofer, President
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