

Ivan Douglas Hicks Testimony Transcript
Support OneHIP – Medicaid for All! SB2 is A Kill Bill

Speaker 1 ([01:17](#)):

Life saving treat community organization. I'm going to, when it goes, like

Speaker 2 ([01:36](#)):

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Speaker 3 ([01:40](#)):

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Speaker 1 ([01:46](#)):

When I ask you what kind action you tell me who's your action, what kind of action?

Speaker 3 ([02:02](#)):

A few more people the whole Could you grab for me? How are Great.

Speaker 4 ([03:14](#)):

Okay. Just a quick mic check. Can y'all hear me? Yeah. Okay. Excellent. Good morning everyone. Thank y'all for traveling here today from across the state and for joining us online for our Protect Medicaid data action. My name is Tracy Hutchings and I'm the healthcare organizer with Future Action. We're a grassroots community organization dedicated to improving the lives of everyday ERs and rooted in small town southern Indiana. Since 2017, we have had thousands of conversations with Medicaid members and in the past three months have collected more than 700 stories from Medicaid members and I have them all here with me today. These stories from Medicaid members, their loved ones, faith leaders, small business owners, healthcare workers, many of the people who wrote these stories are here with me today and I'm proud to stand with them. You'll hear some of their stories at this press conference. And following the press conference, we'll send a delegation to deliver them to governor's office along with a card asking him to fight for future healthcare and no cuts to Medicaid.

([04:49](#)):

What unites all the Medicaid stories we collected and all the people here today across faith, race, place, age, ability, and geography is an undeniable truth. The truth that all of us, all human beings need and deserve healthcare regardless of how much money we have. We all have bodies. We all get sick and none of us should go broke because of it. Today we know that whether or not we ever end up needing Medicaid, it benefits all of us. It's a public good for our communities. Medicaid covers 2 million Hoosiers enabling them to access lifesaving lifesaving treatments, preventative care and palliative care. But Indiana Medicaid is under attack. Proposed states and federal cuts to Medicaid programs risk the lies health and economic stability of all of us. Whether these costs come in the form of slashing the federal budget, capping Medicaid enrollment or I burdensome new red tape with the goal of surprising lowest income families of their healthcare coverage.

([06:13](#)):

We'll not be fooled by attempts to divide and distract us. We'll not accept any cuts to our care to fund tax cuts for billionaires together and defeated an attempt to impose Medicaid work reporting

requirements on Hoosiers, which would've deprived an estimated 75,000 members of their healthcare coverage. And when Senate bill to was filed at the start of this year, be again organized thousands of phone calls, emails, and meetings with legislators and oh, it's not. Okay, there we go. And as a result of those efforts, we removed first the three year enrollment cap to hip and then the arbitrary 500,000 person hip membership cap put two dangerous provisions, which would cut Medicaid covers Medicaid members off of their care remain in SB two. The requirement that SSA implement more frequent eligibility checks to all Medicaid programs and add work reporting requirements to him. Yeah, that ain't right. These provisions will not only lead to dangerous coverage loss for sier families, they will also make Indiana's Medicaid programs more inefficient and more expensive to run, wasting public dollars that should go to funding our care. And we'll defeat these cuts too because as you'll hear today, our lives depend on it. We don't have an option not to fight. Thank you.

Speaker 2 ([08:24](#)):

I Douglas Hicks, president of the Indiana Ministerium Pastor of First Baptist Church North Indianapolis. I stand in coalition and solidarity with the Indiana Ministerial other faith organization gma, the Greater Indianapolis Multi Alliance led by Rabbi. You see ministers that are throughout on from the concerned clergy. Other organizations are here to say that it does not matter where you come from in this state. There are urban areas and there are urban areas that will be negatively impacted by Senate bill too. The truth of the matter is that kicking people off of Medicaid in a super surplus so that you can save money is a bad idea.

([09:29](#)):

Those that are disabled, those that struggle, those that are hurt do not need to be hurt more by that which can be categorized as evil and heinous legislation. We have a problem with mom and infant mortality without a problem with the environment and lead. We have a problem with disproportionate health outcomes for people within our community. And when we have an opportunity to call a duck a duck, we have to say that this is quacking. That symbol bill two is evil, that it is racist, that it has negative impacts, not simply on those that are of differing or diverse hues, but there are people that come from different backgrounds from the south of Indiana, from rural areas, rural hospitals will be shut down, providers will move away. There are those that are going to be impacted by Senate Bill two in a negative way. And we have come not simply to say it's a bad idea, but after we understand it's a bad idea, we have to watch out for immoral acts. And there are immoral acts that the leaders of the house and the leaders of the Senate have obviously determined they're going to turn a blind eye to, or they're going to before those that come from the east and billionaires or oli that are attempting to read out what that they consider to be other. Now we're all,

Speaker 3 ([11:42](#)):

There are others here in our determinants that

Speaker 2 ([11:47](#)):

We're going to call on leadership from the city, a House of Representatives and in the governor's office, to not do something that appears to be so ignorant. Because when you ignore the others and when you ignore those that are disabled, and when you ignore moms and infants and when you ignore 41% of the children that are born in the state of Indiana to ed, when you ignore what your constitu says, that's the time for others, all of us to stand up. So let's stand up right now. Let's stand up and be

Speaker 3 ([12:37](#)):

More. Let's stand up and be voice. Let's talk to you.

Speaker 2 ([12:46](#)):

Let's talk to the leaders and compel them to be leader that their pastors will be proud of and that their wife will look at them with greater esteem. And this state will have an opportunity to provide the leadership necessary for us to ensure that all people that need healthcare have an opportunity to live. Let's kill this Kill bill.

Speaker 4 ([13:26](#)):

Well, it's going to be really hard to follow that, but I can at least push that picture to what we're talking about today. Good morning. My.