



STATE BUDGET HB 119
PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS OF THE
POOR & VULNERABLE



The Christian witness to God mandates that in doing justice, we "seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak," (Ezekiel 24:16)... Both by its Scriptural and traditional heritage, the Christian community is called to care for and serve those who are broken by physical and/or spiritual pain inherent in or caused by our humanness... Today the Church, as the body of Christ on earth, in faithfulness to its God-given mission, is called to continue the redemptive, healing ministry of Christ in the world.

Ohio Council of Churches, Policy Statement on Health Care, 1999

SUPPORT BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR HUNGER PROGRAMS

Expand funding for the purchase and distribution of food and grocery products in the Emergency Food Distribution Program.

Increase support for the School Feeding Programs.

Fund partnerships with faith communities to expand summer reading and feeding programs.

ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Remove the "cap" on the Housing Trust Fund.

Reduce housing costs to Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons.

ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Increase Funding for Child Care.

Increase Cash Grants to Working Public Assistance Recipients.

Increase Funding for HEAP Utilities Assistance.

SUPPORT AFFORDABLE & ACCESSIBLE HEALTH CARE

EXPAND HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN, WORKING PARENTS & PREGNANT WOMEN

Expand the SCHIP Program for Children to 300% of Poverty.

Expand Healthy Start for Pregnant Women to 200% of Poverty.

Expand Parental Coverage for Working Parents to 100% of Poverty.

Expand Medicaid Buy-In Options for Low Income Persons and Persons with Disabilities.

Expand PASSPORT and Assisted Living Programs for Senior Citizens.

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