



**State Representative Kenny Yuko**

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**Rep. Yuko Receives Award for Support of Medicaid Buy-In**

*L.E.A.P. Recognizes Legislator for Backing Workers with Disabilities*

**COLUMBUS** – State Representative Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) today received an award from *Linking Employment Abilities and Potential* (LEAP) for his continued support of a Medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities.

Rep. Yuko first backed the creation of such a program when he co-sponsored House Bill 104, which, had it passed the Ohio House of Representatives, would have created a similar buy-in plan. Rep. Yuko continued to advocate for the program after the bill's failure as a vocal supporter of Governor Strickland's successful campaign to incorporate the buy-in program into this year's two-year budget bill.

"Protecting our citizens is one of the main functions of government," Rep. Yuko said. "We have to provide access to medical care for people with disabilities, and this program is a natural fit to help this vulnerable population."