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COLUMBUS, Ohio- The Ohio State Legislature last week removed an amendment added a day earlier to the budget bill that required that Ohioans on food stamps and other welfare be drug tested for potential illegal drugs in order to get or to continue getting federally allocated public assistance, a proposed state law pushed mainly by Republicans that some Ohio lawmakers and community activists say is racist, sexist, elitist, and an unconstitutional stretch that goes too far.

"It's unconstitutional and targets Blacks, women, poor people and other minorities," said Dr. Eugene Jordan, an East Cleveland dentist, community activist and second vice president of the Cleveland NAACP. "It is ludicrous."

Ohio State Sen. Shirley Smith (D-Cleveland)

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Sen. Sheri Dugan (D-10th) and Sen. Tim Schaffer (R-10th) announced today that they have agreed to a compromise that would remove an amendment to the budget bill that required that Ohioans on food stamps be drug tested.