

DATE

The Honorable _____

Address

Washington DC

Dear Congressman/woman _____:

I am the TITLE of The XYZ Clinic in City, State. XYZ, [medical group] employs [# of physicians] and [#of employees], and cares for [# of patients] of which [#] are Medicare beneficiaries. The XYZ Clinic offers a host of medical services in X number of satellite offices, (any other information about your group could be added here).

In December of last year, Congress passed legislation which the President signed into law, temporarily halting a massive 21 percent Medicare payment cut called for by the Sustainable Growth Rate formula (SGR). This short-term patch is set to expire February 28. Without Congressional intervention, all physicians will experience a 21 percent fee schedule reduction beginning March 1.

On behalf of XYZ Clinic I urge you and your colleagues in Congress to act now to prevent the 21 percent physician pay cut from going into effect on March 1, 2010. The resulting financial consequences of a 21 percent cut in reimbursement to providers would be devastating, certainly resulting in significant access problems.

Considering the dire ramifications, I strongly urge you to act immediately to resolve the 21 percent cut and quickly move toward a permanent solution to the flawed SGR formula. The nation's Medicare beneficiaries, military families, and provider community need your support on this issue.

Sincerely,