

DATE

The Honorable _____

Address

Washington, D.C.,

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).

Congress passed legislation in March and again in April creating temporary “patches” to halt a massive 21 percent Medicare payment cut called for by the Sustainable Growth Rate formula (SGR). The House delayed the negative SGR update on May 28th, but without enactment into law by the full Congress, all physicians face a 21 percent Medicare fee schedule reduction which has been in effect as of June 1. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will begin processing claims with this reduction on June 18 without legislative intervention.

The Senate is currently deliberating and is soon expected to vote on the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010. If this succeeds, I strongly urge you to pass the Senate’s version of the bill. The financial consequences of a 21 percent cut in reimbursement to providers would be devastating. XYZ Clinic would have to consider layoffs and delay important clinical upgrades such as EMR purchase and refinement, or patient monitoring equipment, (please use your examples). Medicare patients will also have significant problems with access to care.

I strongly urge you to act immediately to address the looming 21 percent cut and quickly move to a permanent SGR solution.

Sincerely,