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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). Without Congressional intervention, all physicians will yet again face a 21 percent fee schedule reduction beginning June 1.

On behalf of XYZ Clinic I urge you and your colleagues in Congress to act now to pass the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010, H.R. 4213, to prevent the 21 percent physician pay cut from going into effect on June 1, 2010. The resulting financial consequences of a 21 percent cut in reimbursement to providers would be devastating resulting in significant access problems.

In addition to preventing the 21 percent pay cut, I urge you to support the provision in H.R. 4213 creating a separate SGR category for physicians practicing in Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). The provision would allow ACOs to operate under their own expenditure target. This will create a stable budget environment allowing ACOs to invest in the personnel and technology necessary to provide accountable care to patients. A separate SGR category is sound public policy that enhances Congress' ACO program established in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

I strongly urge you to act immediately to address the looming 21 percent cut and quickly move to a permanent SGR solution. The nation's Medicare patients, military families, and provider community need your support on this issue.

Sincerely,