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Senator _____

Address

Washington, D.C.,

Dear Senator _____:

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 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 Friday June 18, without legislative intervention.

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 materializing. 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,