Our nation faces many healthcare challenges, ranging from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and staffing shortages to issues related to treating chronic diseases, such as obesity, and addressing the behavioral health of patients and providers. At [XYZ Organization], we are eager face the challenges and help our patients and community. Success, however, is contingent on Congress, which must act to prevent Medicare cuts that will top 10% from taking effect next year. We are calling for a commitment from our nation’s leaders to stop these cuts.

Providers are facings upwards of 10% cuts in Medicare reimbursement starting in January 2023. For [organization], this would have a significant impact. The pandemic, along with increasing costs, has already has inflicted a toll on our organization and patients. [Insert example: staffing cuts? Delayed/canceled electives?]. Our expenses and costs have increased significantly. [Insert examples about supplies/labor/other expenses].

These cuts would exacerbate the financial pressure facing all providers and hinder our efforts to invest in the staffing and infrastructure needed to meet the meet the healthcare needs of our patients and address social determinants of health that impede their care. Congress should cancel the 2% Medicare sequester and eliminate the pending 4% Medicare Pay-As-You-Go cut. Congress also should cancel a scheduled 4% decrease in the Medicare conversion factor. These cuts in Medicare will cause our [healthcare system/medical group], as well as others across the nation, further stress at this critical time and may disrupt our ability to continue to deliver care to the communities we serve.

It is disheartening that our political leaders do not appreciate how important federal support is to our medical practices and health systems. Left unaddressed, these cuts will keep us from investing in the tools and systems that help keep our patients healthy. Our [population health initiative/similar activity/example] are designed to help patients manage their health. Without the financial support from Medicare, we will be forced to reevaluate our initiatives and focus only on the most critical services. Financial stability through the Medicare program is critical to us overcoming today’s challenges to achieve better health for all.

Ours is a simple request. Congress should stop these cuts and ensure [organization name] and providers across the country have the financial resources needed to continue to fight against COVID-19 and provide the best possible care to our patients.