Dear Senator XX,

Thank you for the ongoing support you have shown for health centers, including signing the Blunt-Stabenow letter to Senate leadership AND/OR signing on as a cosponsor of S. 1899, the Community Health Investment, Modernization, and Excellence (CHIME) Act. I am writing again today because the **Primary Care Funding Cliff** happened over a month ago, and I am extremely concerned about the chaos and uncertainty that health centers are facing because Congress still hasn’t fixed the cliff. As you know, 70% of Health Center Program funding, along with ALL funding for the National Health Service Corps and Teaching Health Centers expired on September 30.

Health center advocates across your state have called, emailed, and used social media to urge action ‒ yet we still have not seen definitive action to extend this critical funding. I want to make sure you hear from me directly today, to plead for your help and to let you know what’s happening right now at health centers. In speaking with my colleagues in our community and across the country, I can tell you that health centers have already cut services, been denied for bank loans, lost talented staff and recruits, reduced hours, and halted planned facility expansions in an attempt to keep their doors open and keep seeing patients on a limited operating budget.

I have attached an estimate of what the loss in funding will mean my health center, XXXXXXXX. As you can see, the long term effects of a cut of this nature are devastating. Additionally, the numbers don’t show the current impact of the Cliff as a result of Congress inaction. In the days since we went over the Cliff, my health center has…[INCLUDE EXAMPLE HERE]

For all of these reasons, I urge you to support the CHIME Act ([S.1899](https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1899/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22S.+1899%22%5D%7D&r=1&overview=closed)) and take any and all action possible to bring a bill to the floor for a vote immediately. The House has already passed legislation that fixes the Cliff ‒ now it’s the Senate’s turn to act. Our health centers and millions of our patients and staff are counting on you.

I stand ready and willing to answer any questions or provide any additional information you might need. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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