

SAMPLE LETTER FOR HEALTH CENTER PATIENTS:

Dear Representative or Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

As a **[patient]** of **[name of community health center]** located in **[City]**, **[State]**, I am writing to urge you to support of my health center and my community. Please do everything in your power to prevent cuts or changes to Medicaid that would damage my health center's ability to provide care to me and my neighbors.

As I understand, if Congress cuts funding for the Medicaid program or gives the state government the ability to cut payments to my health center for Medicaid service, my Health Center would be forced to reduce services or even close its doors. That would mean that, changes to the Medicaid program will result in many people **[like me]** who will be forced to go without care or go to the emergency room. That's just not right!

**I [FIRST NAME] [AND MY FAMILY] DEPEND ON [NAME OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER] FOR [MENTION SERVICES YOU USE OR WHY YOUR HEALTH CENTER IS IMPORTANT TO YOU].**

Health centers are the only place that many people like me **[and my family]** can get high quality, comprehensive, primary and preventive care. I am counting on you to do everything in your power to prevent cuts or changes to Medicaid and to actively work to make sure that my health center and the whole Program can continue provide health care depend on.

Sincerely,

**BE SURE TO PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS UNDER YOUR SIGNATURE**