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HEALTH

We highly encourage you to reach out to your local members of Congress to invite them to visit your health center during the 2024 election transition. This is a great time to meet them face to face at your facility, show them the important and innovative work you do every day, and discuss the pressing issues your patient communities are facing.

How to Request a Meeting with your Senator or Representative: Below, you will find a draft message to help with your outreach. To invite your member to visit your health center or to schedule a meeting with the member, visit their website and go to the “contact” tab, where they should have a “meeting request” form. If you have any questions or need help finding contact information for your member of Congress, please contact Stephanie Krenrich, ACH’s SVP of Policy and Government Affairs, at skrenrich@advocatesforcommunityhealth.org.

Template for Meeting Request:

I am writing to invite **Senator/Representative Last Name** and **his/her** staff to visit **our health center** while **s/he** is in **state/district on x-y dates**. We would love to have **him/her** see our facilities and meet the hard-working providers that deliver quality care to community members every day.

As Congress considers the Community Health Center Fund Reauthorization, it would be great to give **Senator/Representative Last Name** a tour of our facility, provide information about why federal health center funding is so important to patients in our community, talk through the range of health issues we are seeing in our local patient population, discuss issues like the workforce shortage crisis we are experiencing and the importance of the 340B program to our operations, and **[add additional local context here]**.

We expect 4-5 of our senior staff to participate in the visit, and we could complete the discussion and tour in under an hour. I welcome the opportunity to work with you on the best days to schedule a site visit. Please direct your staff to contact me at **phone or email**. Thank you for your consideration.