



ADVOCATES FOR
COMMUNITY
HEALTH

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Email Template - CHC Fund Reauthorization

Dear *[name]*,

My name is *[name]* and I write today as a constituent of *[Senator/ Representative]**[name]* and staff at *[CHC Name]* Health Center to urge you to do everything in your power to avoid a government shutdown and ensure community health centers have the resources they need to serve their patients.

I am extremely concerned that progress on the continuing resolution and year end package has stalled; this ongoing uncertainty and the threat of a government shutdown is dire for community health centers that rely on government funding to serve our patients and work with extremely small budget margins. There is very little room for error, particularly given the many other financial challenges that health centers are facing, and Congress's inaction could mean some health centers have to shut down for good. Rural and underserved communities already have few options for care, and repeated short-term extensions without any financial certainty puts our health care safety net in jeopardy.

The legislative package now on hold contains 2 years of mandatory funding for community health centers, and I urge you to ask Congressional leaders to include this provision in any package that is ultimately voted on. The Congressional Budget Office noted in a recent report that health centers save the federal government money by providing the primary care and chronic disease management that keeps people healthy and out of costly care settings like emergency rooms. It is critical that Congressional leaders ensure that health centers like mine have the funding stability we need to plan ahead and continue providing the gold standard in primary care.

Thank you for all you do for community health centers and for considering my request.

Sincerely,

[name]