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Email Template - Medicaid Protection

Dear *[name]*,

My name is *[name]* and I write today as a constituent of *[Senator/ Representative]**[name]* and staff at *[Health Center name]* to ask that you please keep the needs of community health centers, their patients, and communities in mind as you consider changes to the Medicaid program. Large scale changes to Medicaid have the potential to destabilize state Medicaid programs and community health centers, impact local economies and job creation, and further exacerbate rural health care access challenges.

Over 50 percent of patients at community health centers are served by state Medicaid programs. Community health centers are community governed, non-profit primary and preventive care centers that funnel all revenue back into patient care. Care at community health centers is an effective and efficient use of Medicaid dollars. The [Congressional Budget Office](#) recently found that care provided at community health centers lowers federal spending for the Medicaid and Medicare populations they serve and lowers spending in emergency departments, inpatient hospital settings, and other outpatient services.

[Optional: Include information here about your health center's interaction with your state Medicaid program]

Medicaid is critically important to our community in *[city / state / region]*. Studies have shown that Medicaid boosts the economy and job creation; Medicaid coverage can lessen the burden of uncompensated care at hospitals and helps prevent hospital closures, saving jobs and protecting local economies. Medicaid coverage can also improve health outcomes and prevent premature deaths, helping people manage chronic disease and live healthier lives.

We urge you to take a cautious approach regarding changes to the Medicaid program, which is essential to community health centers and their patients, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,