

[Insert Date]

The Honorable [insert first and last name of Senator or Representative]

[Insert Address from below]

Dear [Senator or Representative _____]:

I currently live in [insert city and state] and am writing you to express my views regarding the sustainable growth rate (SGR). I am asking you to support repeal of this Medicare physician reimbursement system and to replace it with a system that will ensure the access Seniors have to physicians for future years.

As you know, due to the SGR, physicians treating our nation's seniors face 30% cuts in Medicare payments beginning in January 2012. The SGR has been universally viewed as flawed since its inception, and there is bipartisan support to replace this system with one that will sustain the foundation of the Medicare program into the future. In the past, Congress has repeatedly intervened to prevent similar cuts from going into effect. These stop-gap measures have magnified the problem by increasing the severity of future cuts and making the cost of permanent Medicare reform more expensive.

According to the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) a majority of physicians across the country will limit the number of new Medicare patients they accept if Congress does not take action. I am concerned that these cuts will also negatively affect the access existing Medicare patients have to their care.

Please support replacement of the SGR with a system that will ensure the access that Seniors have to physicians for future years.

Sincerely,

[insert your name]

Contact Information

Rep. Steve Womack
1508 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-5713
(202) 225-5713 (fax)

Senator John Boozman
320 Hart SOB
Washington, D.C. 20510
(202) 224-4843
(202) 228-1371 (fax)

Senator Mark Pryor
255 Dirksen SOB
Washington, D.C. 20510
(202)224-2353
(202) 228-0908 (fax)