

## SAMPLE LETTER TO PATIENTS

(Date)

**To a Senator**

The Honorable (full name)  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

**To a Representative:**

The Honorable (full name)  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator (last name): Dear Representative (last name):

As a constituent and patient, I want to let you know that I am concerned the upcoming cut in Medicare payments will prevent my primary care doctor from taking new Medicare patients like me and others in my family.

I know that unless Congress acts, my primary care physician will be hit with a decrease of more than 10% in Medicare payments after July 1, 2008, and up to 15% in the next year. How can Congress expect my primary care doctor to continue to take care of seniors when Medicare payment does not support the cost of providing the care?

Please help primary care physicians, like my doctor, keep the doors open to their practice. Stop the Medicare payment cut by July 1.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

(Address)