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Dear Senator Wyden,

We are reaching out to urge you to take swift action to address the upcoming cuts to Medicare physician payments.

As you know, Yamhill County is home to many who rely on Medicare coverage for health care services, and many seniors already face major barriers to care like access to transportation and a growing shortage of primary care physicians.

Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Physicians [confirmed a 2.8% cut in pay](#) under the proposed 2025 Medicare physician payment schedule. The proposal from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) follows a 1.69% Medicare pay cut in 2024 and 2% drop in 2023. These cuts in the face of the growing cost to operate a practice are unsustainable for physicians.

Our fear is that this additional cut will further exacerbate these barriers to care.

We are asking you to co-sponsor the “Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act (H.R. 10073), which would prevent the planned cuts and provide a 1.8% payment update in 2025 to preserve our seniors access to care our hard-working medical community.

As county commissioners, we have had conversations with seniors in our community who have voiced concern about being able to keep the doctors they have seen for many years. Our senior constituents thank you for considering this request and your swift action to protect our community’s access to health care services.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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