

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR (SAMPLE)**

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Health care is a top issue on voter’s minds – and with good reason. Everyone seems to have a story about how difficult it is to see a doctor, fill a prescription, or get affordable care.

Congress is debating a lot of fixes, but one solution they should focus on has already been around for more than 50 years: Community Health Centers. Health centers care for 1 in 12 Americans, approximately 28 million people. They save the health care system $24 billion a year by eliminating waste and generate $54.6 billion in economic activity. They keep people healthy and save lives. I know because I [OPTIONAL: WORK AT A HEALTH CENTER, AM A PATIENT, AM A NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS MEMBER]

Health centers like mine, [NAME YOUR HEALTH CENTER], are already addressing public health challenges – the opioid epidemic, caring for veterans, or helping communities after a natural disaster.

Health centers are a bipartisan program, but even strong support doesn’t guarantee survival in Washington. I recently met with my leaders in Congress to urge for stable and long-term funding for health centers. Let’s hope they act soon in passing legislation before time runs out.