



## Sample Letter to Congress About Access to Cardiovascular Care

Dear **[Enter Name of Representative or Senator]**

I am sending this note to express my concerns about my ability to continue to get the cardiovascular care I need given the drastic Medicare payment cuts proposed for cardiologists next year.

As a Medicare patient under the care of a cardiologist, I am concerned that my physician may no longer be able to treat me or other Medicare patients as a result of these and other cuts. Already, many practices across the country are being forced to consider drastic options, whether it's laying off key support staff or limiting new Medicare patients.

I cannot afford to find a new doctor, nor can I afford higher co-payments or extra trips to the hospital for procedures like medical imaging. As you consider Medicare legislation over the next few months, I urge you to consider the impacts of the reimbursement cuts not only on physicians, but on patients like me. Please help stop the cuts and help ensure **[State]** cardiologists and other specialists not only stay in **[State]** but are able to provide the best possible care.

Sincerely,

**[Name of Patient]**