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Alaska

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I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Alabama. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. RHC clinics have been given help. It has been good. However, the terms related to the money deposited are cumbersome to keep up with while trying to maintain an open practice and care for patients. There is a fear of future cut backs in payments or being required to pay back funds due to a small detail that may have been overlooked during the rapidly changing atmosphere as well as rapidly changing recommendations for treating and testing.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Arizona. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. I am ashamed of the United States government and its inexcusably incompetent approach to SARS-CoV-2.
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I am a physician working in my own practice in urban California. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We need coordinated leadership, which speaks with one voice to all of us independent MDs when a catastrophe hits. This was not available. We are in an every man for himself situation. It is a moral and national issue, that our nation needs to address.
I am a nurse practitioner working in a large medical group in suburban California. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Our medical group has taken emergency steps to take us through the next 2 months. If current conditions continue, we cannot survive much longer than that.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in urban California. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die from COVID-19. Virtual care is vitally necessary and deserving of full compensation. All activities that take up our time due to patient care need to be fully reimbursed at the same level as in person procedures.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban California. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are about to collapse and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. The call to hold off on elective care was important to protect people but it led to many practices closing, just like other businesses (e.g. airlines, tourism, restaurants, etc). The government should mandate coverage for telehealth and phone visits.

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I am a physician working in a primary care setting in urban California. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. When school starts in the Fall, we always see an increase in respiratory tract illnesses. Then we move into Flu season. We are not ready to take care of the asthmatics who need nebulized treatments or the sick patients with respiratory illness who may also have COVID-19. We will need a big step up in PPE to prevent health care providers in the community from getting sick. We need more data-based recommendations for just how contagious COVID-19 is in the outpatient setting and we need data based public education about when to be concerned and where they can be more relaxed (ie, outdoors vs. indoors). We need our national leadership to demonstrate that they believe the science and don’t believe that they are magically immune or excused from participating in reducing the spread of COVID infection
I am a physician working in my own practice in urban California. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. Please do whatever possible to help us independent physicians financially. PPP has been very difficult to get and we need additional funding to stay open.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural California. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. I’ve been doing COVID testing at my office to prevent ER visits for my patients and help treat patients in a less stressful environment. Kept my practice open and helped patients with other serious life-threatening issues (e.g., MI) get diagnosed and treated. I am one of the very few practices open for COVID testing in my area.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban California. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We need N95 masks in order to see our patients!! We have changed to seeing patients in person only when urgent, and end up examining them in a tent outside because then only the doctor needs a mask, and end up reusing our N95. We don’t have N95 masks for the staff in order to see patients indoors. We don’t know why a country like the US cannot mobilize N95 masks over a 2-month period. We have not been able to order a single N95 mask nor any isolation gowns since the start of Covid. Even with only the doctors going outside to see a patient and reusing the N95 masks, we will only be able to last a few months with our N95 supply. Government must step in and do something so that we can buy N95 masks. If the medical system is disabled, people will die from regular diseases and from Covid. The only reason New York made it thus far is because doctors and nurses put themselves at considerable risk with the meager N95 mask supply. You cannot keep asking doctors and nurses and their families to die for the lack of PPE. Medical staff are not superhuman and will stop treating patients if you continue knowingly to put them and their families at risk. It will cripple America to not have medical staff.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in urban California. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a community health center in suburban California. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban California. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the
next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban California. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We are best suited to deliver cost effective health care, not expensive specialist driven health care.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban California. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic. Because the federal government is a chaotic mess. When you elect a clown you should expect a circus.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban California. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban California. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, lost my job, and have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and we are about to collapse.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in suburban California. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, lost my job, and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in suburban California. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban California. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.
I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban California. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, we need better Covid treatment protocols, testing capacity and less confusion about how and where to obtain PPE.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban California. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because I am ready to open my office for in office visit transitioning.

**Colorado**

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban Colorado. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Colorado. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office, have gone into debt, and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and we are about to collapse.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Colorado. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Colorado. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We play a critical role in supporting older adults to live as independently as possible, often by helping family caregivers to do the best they can.

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I am a physician working in a large medical group in urban Colorado. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. I am a physician on the front line and to take a pay cut

I am a physician working in a large medical group in urban Colorado. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Preventive care for children,
including immunizations to protect against other communicable diseases and early detection and intervention to prevent developmental disabilities, is at risk due to the impact of the pandemic on our practice.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban Colorado. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Colorado. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office and have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because we are about to collapse and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We are handing medical care to HMOs and hospital practices.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban Colorado. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and we are drowning.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Colorado. Because of the pandemic, I was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. Mitch McConnell needs to quit worrying about the Debt like it is his money and put money in unfortunate people’s pockets - it is OUR money and he needs to be removed in November!

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Connecticut

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mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in hospital practice in urban Connecticut. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we need to stop fanning the flames of fear. The health system did not collapse. We need to focus on reopening the country and repatriating pharmaceutical and medical device and PPE manufacturing in the US! It’s essential to our future preparedness.

Delaware

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Delaware. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a nurse practitioner working in my own practice in suburban Delaware. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office and have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

Florida

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I am a physician working in a large medical group in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic.
I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and we are about to collapse. Re-opening for elective procedures is a big mistake.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Primary Care needs to take charge - good primary care can guide patients in terms of all health needs and ultimately decrease the gross over-utilization of health care resources in this country. During this pandemic, I have spent more time than ever assessing what procedures and treatments patients really need, and helped them understand these decisions.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die from COVID-19 and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We will continue to see Covid patients.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Florida. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We need to keep small independent primary care practices remain open or else primary care will be dominated by large hospital systems, which will greatly increase the cost of medical care to the nation.

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of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. It’s time for a National Volunteer Service Corp of young docs, nurses, and techs before they begin their specialty training and after their post graduate general training. Will be happy to discuss. S Reznick MD FACP

I am a physician working in a government practice in urban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are drowning. Our leadership doesn’t care about us, the primary care doctors. You all are fat and happy in your wonderful offices with great salaries benefits and pensions. And the horse you rode in on.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. The virtual visits may compensate for the gross lack of physicians and extenders.

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we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. We are doing our jobs, please start doing yours.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We are the mainstay of health for our patients: so many of them have suffered with struggles of mental and emotional health, and so many of them have been really sick and afraid to seek care, if not for our input and guidance and decision to be at risk ourselves to provide care.

I am a physician working in my primary care setting in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. I am a primary care physician board certified Internal Medicine. I owned the practice and I have a part time ARNP currently furloughed because of decreased patient visits due to patients No-Show, patients cancelled, or rescheduled appointments.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are about to collapse, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because I live in fear that the government will again impose and over ride our Constitutional Rights and close our offices again limiting my ability to treat the sick and the chronic health issues that my patients face. The real danger has not been COVID 19 but by local government’s over reach.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we provide the majority of care to average patients. We have the broadest skill set for general patient care and management. In my practice my patients have years of consistent and ongoing care and records of care.
I am a nurse practitioner working in my own practice in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help; we need to allow experienced nurse practitioners to practice to the fullest extent of their license education and years of experience. Advanced practice nurses in my state are stepping up and meeting the health needs, especially those in the geriatric population, with positive health outcomes and maintaining consistent positive outcomes of our patients with comorbidities other than COVID-19.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Florida. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because as Plato said: “It is not who a man says he is It is what he does.”

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Georgia

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**Hawaii**

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I am a physician working in a government practice in urban Hawaii. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a nurse practitioner working in my own practice in rural Hawaii. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because treating all communities with the same restrictions as New York City is unreasonable. More common sense needs to be used to match rural settings. We need to open recreational areas. Mental health problems are becoming exponential.

**Idaho**

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Illinois. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are about to collapse and we are drowning. The smallest practices are the ones that will fail. The largest ones (corporate owned and hospital owned) can weather this storm and will be the only ones left standing. Most of the aid seems to be going to them. Loans alone will not work since we will be drowning in debt.

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The Republicans do not care about the “little guy” but only about the BIG BOYS – big business and banks.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Illinois. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Patients need to understand that their current care and health is more important than ever in the past. Any decline threatens their risk of mortality directly or indirectly related to the Coronavirus pandemic.

I am a practice team member working in a primary care setting in suburban Illinois. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality.

I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in urban Illinois. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and we are about to collapse. Everyone in the US deserves high quality primary care as a right, but we cannot provide it with current funding models.

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Indiana

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I am a physician working in a primary care setting in urban Indiana. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Many of our newly-available options for care (parity for telehealth payments to in-person visit payments, options for telephone visits that are covered by insurance, access to capital for innovation, waived requirements for some previously burdensome tasks) are at risk of going away after the pandemic. These have been asked for for years by primary care professional societies, are amazing to have not, and need to STAY...along with many others. Please listen to the recommendations of the country’s primary care leaders as we advocate for long-term healthcare improvements built on the foundations that have been made under duress at this time!

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I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Indiana. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are about to collapse and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. The Covid-19 pandemic is clearly a pivotal moment for America and the evolution of its healthcare system. My practice will be included as a casualty of coronavirus. My patients received letters this month announcing the closure of a trusted friend of 22 years. I will be joining the emergency department full time later this year. What went wrong? The truth is that decades of underfunding primary care and the social drivers of healthcare have become very costly to Americans. I want to focus on the plight of the independent family physician and how that impacts the bottom line in American healthcare. I am a rural, independent, family physician who practices with my wife, a nurse practitioner; in what the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has labeled the most unhealthy county in Indiana.

In 2015, my community was the epicenter of what the CDC called one of the worst HIV outbreaks in the United States in 2 decades. As chief of staff of our 25 bed critical access hospital, I had the privilege to work directly with the CDC, HHS, the Indiana State Department of Health, and both state and federal politicians to respond to this crisis and to advocate for Indiana’s first clean needle exchange program. For 22 years, I have seen patients in the same location, providing complex care coordination. I have done home visits. I delivered babies and performed cesarean deliveries until my rural hospital closed their OB department in 2018. I still do pediatrics. I still do colonoscopies, repair lacerations, set fractures, and excise skin cancers. I work in our emergency room on a regular basis, having intubated 4 individuals with COVID-like illness in the last 3 shifts. I still do hospital medicine. I host 2-4 medical students per year on their 3rd year family medicine rotation with Indiana University. My colleagues and I are able to live the romantic vision of family medicine, caring for an entire community from birth to grave. We symbolize much that is great and that is broken about healthcare in America. Value based care is designed to loosen the regulatory restriction on providers coming together. It sounds logical that if we have more integrated provider groups along the continuum of care, we will get better data, better clinical options, and better outcomes. The unfortunate result of value based care, however, is that those affiliated with larger health systems can extract significantly higher rates of reimbursement than small, independent practices. We have been told that these larger groups are better, when in reality, value based care is more expensive. A 2018 Commonwealth Fund report demonstrates that larger primary care practices spend 12% more per person than groups of 1-2 physicians. Per capita spending on Medicare averaged $8000-12000 per year. The report showed that small independent practitioners spend about $1,870 (12%) less per person per year than systems with 100 or more providers. As an example, better performing ACOs save only about $200 per person per year. It appears clear from this report that independent practitioners would be a better investment in the long term, rather than the current value based models.

https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/journal-article/2018/aug/larger-physician-practices-better-care-lower-cost In the fall of 2018, I had the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Seema Verma, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as part of a delegation with the AAFP, to discuss the plight of rural independent family physicians and value based care. Mrs. Verma understands that increasingly narrow networks are driving up costs, but at the same time there is an unwillingness to let go of the pay for performance metrics that are fueling this consolidation. Healthcare systems are incentivized to provide more care, rather than cost effective care. The result of these more powerful networks are that family medicine plays a lesser role to the more lucrative surgical specialties. Family medicine offers the most effective way to deliver patient centric care, but the financial models, despite their rhetoric, are not patient centric. Picture the lions feasting on the antelopes, while the rest of the savannah waits on the scraps. If we are going to control healthcare spending and enhance quality of care, we need more providers on the ground that can listen to their patients’ concerns and prescribe the most cost effective, least invasive, evidence-based treatment. For example, as a family doctor, my patient may only need assurance that they do not need a heart catheterization for their chest pain. That substernal ache is likely from their time in quarantine, off work, eating bad food, while managing their restless children who are home from school. Large healthcare systems do not profit from such advice. Let us also not forget that such advice requires a provider with all the skills necessary to consider a wide range of diagnostic options, differential diagnoses, ready availability, and patient trust so that when they return with continued chest pain, rather than yielding to their request for a heart catheterization, I recognize their pulmonary abscess after aspirating Jack Daniels last week while they were agonizing over their job loss.
We are hearing complaints from healthcare systems that say they cannot sustain themselves on current rates of Medicare reimbursement. However, for many independent family physicians in America, Medicare is their best payer. I have no access to ACOs. I lack the ability to negotiate with commercial payers. Large portions of our patient populations are paid at Medicaid rates, historically much lower than Medicare. I am told that risk based models will reward me for superior performance. My MIPS score for 2018 as a solo practitioner was a staggering 94%. My reward was a 1.94% boost in payments last year, not enough to even offset sequestration. Discounted fees are the principle behind how independent physicians are paid. Family physicians earn half to a third of what their specialist colleagues earn. However, non-hospital based family physicians typically earn much less than what our employed family physicians colleagues are paid. Simply being an independent family physician is accepting a huge financial downside risk. We have not been recognized for that risk. This has been the plight of the independent family physician for many years. Then COVID-19 reared its ugly head, making it abundantly clear just how financially fragile our practices have become. COVID-19 has reduced our income by another 50-75%. Already underfunded, most of my non-hospital based colleagues are barely getting by. I appreciate insurers’ approval to cover telemedicine visits for some of our patients as well as small business loans and grants from CMS, but it is not enough. COVID-19 will be the death blow for access to care for many patients, at a time they need us most. A 2019 study from the American Board of Family Medicine showed that 1 in 5 family physicians work to some extent in an urgent care or emergency medicine setting. Amazingly, 11% were full time in that capacity. Furthermore, ACEP states that 40% of emergency room positions in the nation are available to primary care physicians who wish to work. These positions also pay competitive salaries, compared to employed outpatient family medicine positions. Unfortunately, these are the most expensive settings for family physicians to deliver care for our patients. The COVID-19 pandemic is likely going to be disastrous for independent family physicians, resulting in further market consolidation as these providers move to larger health systems and urgent care centers and emergency rooms. The decline and fall of a significant portion of the 40% of America’s primary care practices will impact our ability to provide cost effective primary care and raise the burden on hospitals. This will result in significant long-term impacts to healthcare spending. I look back on 22 years of full service family medicine. It’s been a great ride. At the end of the day, it’s about people. Rather than succumb to moral injury, I choose to remain optimistic and provide that care in the emergency department for the time being. I believe that as a country, we can do better for Americans. I also believe that those reforms are a challenge as big as the Apollo program. Are we ready for that?

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban Indiana. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Need to also address tort reform.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in rural Indiana. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Healthcare is beyond dysfunctional and needs fixed by President Trump and the Republicans

**Iowa**

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I am a physician working in a large medical group in urban Iowa. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had
patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

**Kansas**

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in urban Kansas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and we are drowning.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Kansas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Kansas. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a nurse practitioner working in my own practice in suburban Kansas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician assistant working in a community health center in rural Kansas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

**Kentucky**

I am a nurse practitioner working in a government practice in urban Kentucky. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in rural Kentucky. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a practice team member working in a primary care setting in rural Kentucky. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and we are drowning. RHC needs to change reimbursement for virtual health.
I am a practice team member working in a health system practice in rural Kentucky. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We appreciate all the hard work and the proactive legislation. At this point, what we need most is the support of our politicians in spreading the message that regular care DOES NOT need to be neglected. We are seeing sharp decreases in volumes due to a lack of community, state, and nationwide confidence in health care. Patients think coming to their provider is what will get them sick. I believe coming to their provider is what will keep us well. It makes sense to utilize health services during a health pandemic. Thank you!

I am a physician working in a community health center in rural Kentucky. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in rural Kentucky. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban Kentucky. Because of the pandemic, I was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and we are drowning. The effects on the medical training system is unprecedented, including high risk for exposure to residents and fellow trainees to virus, and interruption of training for medical students whom are concerned about debt and their education.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Kentucky. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic.
Louisiana

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Louisiana. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. The Primary Care Physician is the most cost effective part of the healthcare system. We do 85% of the work for 6% of total costs. If it is not valued and supported patients will lose access. This will worsen costs, outcomes, and waiting times.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Louisiana. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Louisiana. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Louisiana. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We request you allow us to continue Televisits and video visits beyond 2020. We would like to serve our rural community using in-house, televisits, and video visits in future, if the reimbursement will be equal for all visits. We really appreciate the funding that we got through stimulus package to Rural clinics.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban Louisiana. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die from COVID-19.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban Louisiana. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die from COVID-19 and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care.
Maine

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban Maine. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Maine. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. Since we have chosen to not allow for a national health system, we already had gaps in care. COVID-19 has amplified these gaps. We need to close these gaps and care for our citizens to retake our place on the national stage. Corporations WILL NOT knowingly do the right thing.

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Massachusetts

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. I am a primary care and hospital medicine physician. We need a coordinated and clear response to the COVID-19 pandemic at a federal level that is lacking at this time.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. The government assistance is too much. The employees are reluctant to come back as they make more money staying at home.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in suburban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are drowning and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. No money. No mission. We need government to support survival of primary care. Without us access goes down and healthcare costs go up.
I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. There are immediate solutions available from CMMI to pay for primary care in a manner that will let us stay open and ready for the coming waves of this pandemic.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Receiving payment for tele-health visits has been critical. Listening to the patient give the history of their symptoms is at least 90% of the input I need to make a decision about the next step in their care. The video adds little. Even rashes and skin lesions are better evaluated by having a picture sent via email.

I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in suburban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Open up HSA/HRA use for DPC practices. It is all inclusive care and a sanctified relationship and contract between doctor and patient. There is no valid reason why pre-tax dollars should be blocked. You are reducing people from all walks of life from accessing high quality primary care.

STOP!

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I am a physician working in a community health center in urban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in urban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are drowning and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Primary care doctors, and other primary healthcare providers, are the first line; we are where people go for both their physical and mental health needs. The pandemic sent the US population into a national psychological crisis; it seems that most adults have experienced symptoms of depression and anxiety. The pandemic has also had major physical costs, including those arising from stress-related illnesses, lack of activity, and reluctance or inability to seek needed care. We have been caring for our patients despite the strain and uncertainty of being unable to examine them or comfort them in person. We are comprehensive and cost effective, but we need appropriate financial support to continue. By giving patients the care they need and keeping them from unnecessary hospital visits, we have also enabled the care of patients hospitalized with Covid-19 to take place without overwhelming our hospitals. We are comprehensive and cost effective, but we need appropriate financial support to continue.

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I am a physician working in a government practice in urban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. A fee-for-service or RVU based system is unsustainable in a pandemic or other crisis. We need a single payer, Medicare-for-all healthcare system. In a government funded system, staff can be redeployed to the areas of greatest need, resources like PPE efficiently shared and distributed. In a pandemic and potential economic collapse, it is dangerous for most working citizens to rely on employer-based health insurance.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. I think patients should not need to worry about copays for their health problems. They can or should be seen by doctors virtually during this pandemic without worrying about copays. I am sad to hear that some patients decline to discuss their medical chronic illness due to copays. It’s unfortunate.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a hospital practice in urban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. I delayed retirement because our university has a hiring freeze and we only have 2 clinicians who can effectively care for our populations of researchers and keep them safe.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are about to collapse and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. With 40% of the staff furloughed we have minimal support and have been struggling with a work load. Huge cut in our salary bringing financial uncertainty, along with the stress being on the front line drain our ability to take care of the patients.
I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Our job is to keep people out of the hospital, which we do very well in our office. We are doing OK right now because our state mandated no deductibles during COVID for televisits. When that expires we are actually financially at risk of folding as so many of our patients have high deductibles and it would make them avoid care/visits, especially if we cannot restart physicals which pay a lot better.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Massachusetts. Because of the pandemic, I have patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because I can make a small difference but I am not being utilized. I should have access to testing supplies that I can send to my laboratory. Currently, I know that there are plenty of supplies but the supplies are being prioritized to the hospitals, nursing homes and larger centers. I need supplies for testing, including testing media and swabs and I can then help manage and teach my own patients, personalizing their care. If all primary care docs could do this, you would have more compliant patients and better outcomes.

Maryland

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Maryland. Because of the pandemic, I have patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Maryland. Because of the pandemic, I have patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in suburban Maryland. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban Maryland. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We are supporting our patients COVID related concerns, chronic disease, wellness and preventive medicine, as well as their social needs, psychosocial stress and behavioral health needs. This requires more care coordination and support for vulnerable patients such as older age, families with children, psychological diagnoses, COVID recovery after hospitalizations, and socioeconomic disadvantages. Funding would help us to support our patients and their families.
I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Maryland. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Maryland. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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Michigan

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I am a nurse practitioner working in a primary care setting in suburban Michigan. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.
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Minnesota

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Mississippi

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I am a physician working in a government practice in rural Mississippi. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. Please move slowly with resuming businesses, recreation, and other venues that make social distancing virtually impossible so that we can keep up with the demand for acute care in terms of hospital beds, outpatient care, and PPE. We need LOTS more testing.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in rural Mississippi. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Without us as physicians on the front line and not getting preventive protective equipment and the necessary funds to stay open from payers, more physicians and patients will die. You will also see a decline in medical school applicants for fields. If you think medical care access is a problem now...just wait and see months to years to come, it will only get worse. FIX OUR SYSTEM NOW! There is no color in medicine, we are all the same color. This is how we are trained. Why can’t our politicians see and know this! As a result of this pandemic, I will probably retire early and vow never to return to medicine and encourage others not to pursue medicine. Dr. Jacqueline L. Hampton, Internist Clarksdale MS

Missouri

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I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Missouri. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. There is a dangerous lack of leadership coming from the White House. Incoherent statements from the president, denial of reality, suppression of CDC guidelines, and lack of coordination with the states will lead to more illness and death. Why is the Defense Production Act being used to protect pork supplies but not provide enough testing supplies and masks? I am disillusioned that the Republicans in the House and Senate are not howling about this threat to our country and our citizens. At this point, I couldn’t vote for a Republican again for any office under any circumstance.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in rural Missouri. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban Missouri. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. We need widespread testing and contact tracing; we needed it weeks ago; we will continue to fail until we have it.

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I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in rural Missouri. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in urban Missouri. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a government practice in urban Missouri. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. If my practice was not in place, there would be increased utilization of emergency rooms for non-emergent cases.
Montana

I am a physician working in a large medical group in suburban Montana. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are about to collapse and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Primary Care has been marginalized for decades, and redefined by experts so many times it is nearly unrecognizable. Because of this pandemic, Primary Care physicians have been forced to the sidelines -- our role has been forgotten. It is time for a walkout. Doctors would never do that as a protest, but because our practices are failing, a very large number are about to leave medicine. It is time someone listened to doctors, not insurance companies and their collaborators in the AMA and its children.

Nebraska

I am a nurse practitioner working in a hospital practice in rural Nebraska. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office and have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban Nebraska. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

Nevada

I am a physician working in a health system practice in rural Nevada. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Trump, McConnell and stupid Republicans should be ashamed of themselves.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Nevada. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

New Hampshire

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban New Hampshire. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New Hampshire. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic.
I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban New Hampshire. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

**New Jersey**

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office and was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality.

I am a nurse practitioner working in my own practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. I provide a necessary service. I anticipate patient’s health needs along with them. I can prevent chronic illnesses from progressing to acute exacerbations that lead to hospitalization. But this will be very difficult with the way nursing homes function. Regulations must change so that the nurse-patient ratios are more ie more nursing staff per patients. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities need to be set up for telemedicine. Having providers go to various facilities increases the spread of communicable diseases such as covid, so this will be the way care is rendered. It is a bit impersonal, I don’t like it but is will be vital to protect the health of providers. A cure/reliable vaccine for Covid and its mutations is of the utmost necessity. It is difficult to maintain personal communication with masks but PPE and an over abundance of them will be necessary. The reason is that seeing one patient contaminates so the provider cannot see a covid + patient and then see one who is negative. That is how the disease spreads.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a community health center in urban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.
I am a physician working in a primary care setting in urban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. We are not testing adequately. There are 350 million people in the US. We need 1 billion diagnostic tests to even consider opening back to normal. The Trump administration and the President have lied specifically about the dangers. The country is in for a catastrophe if we do not increase testing - both diagnostic and serological - to get a better hold of the actual incidence and prevalence. States like Georgia, Florida, and Kentucky are in serious trouble, and will experience what New Jersey and New York have experienced. The winter will be a total cataclysm, making our difficulties now seem minimal.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in rural New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and we are drowning.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are drowning and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Not enough financial assistance, commercial and Medicare/ Medicaid are not reimbursed enough to keep practice and patients' care going.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office, have gone into debt, and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Dentists need PPE from FEMA as we are at-risk healthcare providers!! We need help! We donated all our PPE at the start of the pandemic and cannot get enough to reopen. And we are being price gouged! We need donations just like the hospital systems!

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban New Jersey. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

**New Mexico**

I am a nurse practitioner working in a primary care setting in rural New Mexico. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

**New York**
I am a physician working in my own practice in rural New York. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban New York. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and we are about to collapse. Me and my staff have antibodies to Sars CoV2 IGG and are testing some patients. I have tried to order more PPE from Henry Schein, called hospitals NYU and MT Sinai, department of health Covid 19 hot line but am unable to get more PPE help.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban New York. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New York. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban New York. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban New York. Because of the pandemic, I was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New York. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural New York. Because of the pandemic, I was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban New York. Because of the pandemic, I was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.
I am a physician working in a large medical group in urban New York. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New York. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a doctor working in a hospital practice in rural New York. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office, lost my job, and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural New York. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a community health center in rural New York. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban New York. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in a community health center in urban New York. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. People trust us in making decisions about going to the hospital, staying home or coming to the ED. Helping make risk benefit decisions with the patient well-being at its core.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a community health center in rural New York. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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contact tracing or mitigation. Learn from NY. Learn from the nursing homes. Insist on masks, distancing, and workplace health checks.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural New York. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and we are about to collapse.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in urban New York. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We have been refused PPE. Insurers either do not pay or drastically underpay. The City and State have given No Consideration for the care we give, instead they look at us as a piggy bank. I have experienced corruption and intimidation by several City agencies. City and State are driving out Primary Care to be replaced by much more expensive temporary care like Teledoc and Urgicenters. No one from the City or the State has reached out to ask how they may help to help us survive. They don’t really care.

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increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a nurse practitioner working in my own practice in suburban New York. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban New York. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and we are drowning.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in suburban New York. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are drowning and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. I am working more with less pay! I can’t continue this way! Looking to leave New York State due to taxes!

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I am a physician working in a health system practice in rural New York. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Thank you for the stimulus help thus far. The stress emanating from inconsistent or incorrect information on the federal level is palpable in the community. These inconsistencies threaten our ability to optimize safety in the community and will result in higher infection rates and deaths when the second wave comes. As a system, we are committed to support our communities despite huge financial losses and disease insecurities, and non-income generating staff at all levels are taking the brunt of reduced work hours with increased overall work obligations. Professional staff are donating to help our staff and our community, and primary care providers are now working more hours, many of which will not be compensated, or compensated at a lower rate (e.g., telephone visits).

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I am a physician working in a community health center in urban New York. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Care for the Homeless, NYC provides primary and behavioral health care to the most vulnerable New Yorkers of all ages. The pandemic has unmasked the inequity and lifespan impact of the social determinants of health. Depopulating shelters for social distancing may further remove access to critical integrated care for the homeless population.

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I am a physician working in a government practice in rural New York. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic. At the VA in upstate NY we are unable to test outpatient veterans even if high risk. All staff at the primary care clinic get one surgical mask to use for 5 days.
I am a physician working in a large medical group in suburban New York. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Isolating the elderly has been a mistake. I am seeing worsening if their physical and cognitive and emotional health. Families are scared to go near them and they are afraid to come in to the doctor.

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North Carolina

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I am a physician working in a community health center in suburban North Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

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I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban North Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We were unable to see patients with diseases like cancer, diabetes, heart disease for nearly 2 months because we were basically closed waiting for mass amounts of COVID patients who never arrived. The data is flawed and CDC direction is similarly flawed.

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I am a nurse practitioner working in a primary care setting in suburban North Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic. We need testing, and we need more PPE. We need a cohesive federal response to manage this pandemic. We need unity to mitigate this disaster, or the outcome is going to be much worse. This is a time for leadership, not partisanship.

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Ohio

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Ohio. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.
I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Ohio. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. I have not done hospital medicine for 15 years but recently had 4 day training for hospital medicine in case of a surge of Covid-19.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Ohio. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. We are underrecognized, underpaid. Please stop paying based on procedures as it drives up healthcare costs.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Ohio. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. Scared patients delay needed care and get sicker.

I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in suburban Ohio. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a community health center in urban Ohio. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. We are beginning a study to assess the quality of the video and telephone visits with patients. Although the video and telephone visits are helpful, we suspect they are less effective. We hope our data will help answer this question.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban Ohio. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Primary care is the first line of defense for mental health care. We need support for better integration of behavioral health in our primary care, as well as more support for primary care in general.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban Ohio. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We need to sustain long term changes to maintain long term high-quality, efficient care of our population.

I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in suburban Ohio. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we need to focus on stopping the spread in nursing homes and assisted livings and prisons and you will see the number of community infections decrease as the employees will stop bringing it back to the community repeatedly. Force nursing homes to provide proper PPE to their staff and learn common sense isolation tactics. Screen nursing home employees routinely and also screen where else they work in their Off hours. (Many are working in Private homes caring for sick people then bringing it in to facilities) This is a real issue.

Oklahoma

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I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Oklahoma. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban Oklahoma. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are financially stressed and do not see any situation where we improve our revenue without placing patients at risk. It is an ethical and moral "catch-22" but in order to survive we have no choice.

Oregon

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I am a nurse working in a community health center in urban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We serve the homeless HIV community who often struggle with substance use, mental health and uninsured challenges.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a community health center in suburban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Please join with Rep. Maloney and her plan to cancel student loan debt for frontline health care workers.

I am a practice team member working in a primary care setting in rural Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a government practice in suburban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality.

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health system goes with it. FQHC’s need financial support to keep the most at risk populations in care to prevent morbidity and mortality.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Many smaller offices are struggling, especially if they are not eligible for receiving funds as we are not eligible for Medicaid and Medicare.

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I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. I am a very good internist and was shocked when it was determined my services were no longer needed to help care for people with diabetes, heart failure, mental illness, kidney disease and so many other problems I had been helping with before I was laid-off due to COVID-19. Many patients had no internet access or were in care facilities. I don’t think their appointments should have been cancelled. There could have been a way to reach out to them. I offered to change my role and step into a different area or location, but was told the large health care system was in the same situation at all locations and could not use me.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and we are drowning. I work in hospital medicine and we are facing massive pay cuts and possible layoffs. Hospitals need aid from the government to stay afloat!

I am a nurse practitioner working in a primary care setting in suburban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. Please, we need leadership to guide us and the world through this pandemic. We need a science-based plan, we need to limit profiteering, and we need reassurance for the people. All of our healthcare providers including primary care providers need adequate equipment to stay open to care for the people. Basic health needs need to be met to keep people as healthy as possible so they can weather the virus if exposed. Help us help the rest. And please find a way to lead.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and we are drowning. There have been some great improvements in our practice with remote visits as a time saver and good for the environment as patients are afraid to come in. The letter writing for travel, work, and disability is overwhelming. The docs have to take 3 weeks mandatory vacation and a 15% pay cut to save our health system (or so we are told).

I am a physician assistant working in a health system practice in rural Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a government practice in urban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We need to consider options for national health program to support the community through this time and provide care to these patients.

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I am a nurse practitioner working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in urban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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goes with it. We get reimbursed less than the specialists do for the same amount of work. We don’t have a buffer, especially those of us who own and manage our own offices.

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I am a physician working in a primary care setting in urban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if I close, people in my community have no other access. We often aren’t affiliated with larger umbrella healthcare systems who can fill our financial gaps and the increased cost of PPE, paired with difficulty in obtaining it, is an incredible burden on top of the current mental healthcare and homelessness gaps we are tempering for patients.

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I am a physician assistant working in a primary care setting in rural Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a nurse working in a community health center in rural Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a community health center in urban Oregon. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Primary care has been the workhorse of the medical system and under-recognized. We are working harder than before and at risk throughout the country of losing physicians due to burnout and low reimbursements. Many doctors will consider other careers soon.

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**Pennsylvania**

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Pennsylvania. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Pennsylvania. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. If we don’t reopen we will be hit very hard in the winter and have no hospital capacity.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in rural Pennsylvania. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a hospital practice in suburban Pennsylvania. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. Our hospital network projects a $302 million deficit for fiscal year 2020. The $52 million relief was but a drop in the bucket. Staff and providers have been furloughed or laid off, with more cuts coming. COVID-19 needs to be recognized as a NATIONAL CRISIS with NATIONAL leadership directing us. STOP allowing Trump to have news updates. The MEDICAL EXPERTS need to be leading the way, including the CDC, which apparently has been “hiding” for weeks. Bottom line: many thousands more people will die, and our nation’s health care resources will be further strained.

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I am a physician working in a primary care setting in urban Pennsylvania. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a nurse practitioner working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in suburban Pennsylvania. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Need reimbursement for telehealth to be the same as in person office visits ASAP to stay afloat. Need equal reimbursement for phone calls, as older folks do not often use technology such as smartphones. I only have 1-2 patients in office per day. Telehealth is necessary at least until a COVID vaccine is available. We need PPE! Don’t forget small business owners and only give PPE to hospital owned centers. Thank you for your help!

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I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban Pennsylvania. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. Primary care is the most personable and efficient/low cost sector of US health care. The US devotes less than half its total health care dollars to primary care compared to all other advanced nations (Percent GDP allotted to primary care in US: 4-6% vs percent GDP allotted to primary care by other more advanced nations: 10-14%. Result: higher cost, less coordinated and less efficient health care. This is even more critical in rural areas of the country.
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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Pennsylvania. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a large medical group in suburban Pennsylvania. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban Pennsylvania. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are drowning and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. COVID-19 is one issue. This is dramatically affecting care for all other diseases, such as diabetes, hypertension, etc. We were a very quality focused organization and now all attention has shifted to the pandemic, leaving patients scared about only that and delaying their completion of primary care. Hospital systems are also letting this slide too much. Shortages of PPE certainly are a part of this. Also, the constant misinterpretation and miscommunication of the data is problematic on many levels. For example, we will now see in our area an increase in cases. This will be reported in the news and reopening will be delayed in the area because of this. What is being overlooked is that we are now testing more people (ie anyone with symptoms) whereas before (last week) we were only testing high risk, nursing home residents, very ill, healthcare workers, and first responders. This will have a major impact on the data and I guarantee it won’t be acknowledged. There are many more examples of this type of data misrepresentation.

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students who want to do primary care. This means more personal protective equipment and fair payment for the time spent with the sick, the old, the frail, residents of nursing homes.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Pennsylvania. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Telehealth is being pushed hard. It has become the standard of care for the time being, but it is absolutely inferior care. Not only are patients with serious real health problems not being adequately treated, diagnoses are being missed or delayed. We are going to need malpractice immunity for using telehealth as our primary means of treating patients until the corona virus epidemic has resolved; otherwise, there is going to be a rash of malpractice lawsuits following the resolution of the COVID-19 epidemic.

Rhode Island
I am a nurse practitioner working in a health system practice in suburban Rhode Island. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Rhode Island. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic. Post-acute long-term care (aka nursing homes) are the hardest hit segment of healthcare. We need your help now, immediately, yesterday. The media is making a blood bath out of our industry. We are unprepared and underfunded. The hospitals save one life in ICU for tens of thousands of dollars and are lauded. We try to save a hundred lives on a fraction of the budget and are tagged with inconsequential regulatory deficiencies that are publicly reported. Help us save lives.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Rhode Island. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban Rhode Island. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Primary care is what will keep people out of the emergency rooms and the hospitals. We are seeing glimmers of opportunities within this huge challenge. For some patients, including many of our under-resourced community, the virtual visits can be positive, as long as someone makes it feasible to continue these, with coverage for visits, interpreters and otherwise. And hopefully this makes it painfully clear - we’re all in health and well-being together, if we DON’T take this chance to ensure we provide for efficient and equitable care for all, we all remain at risk.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Rhode Island. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if I close, people in my community have no other access. I am an addiction medicine provider and without my help, my patients will relapse and potentially overdose. I desperately need to have the proper PPE to stay open. The biggest need is for N95 masks and cleaning supplies to continue to sterilize the office between patients.

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South Carolina

I am a nurse practitioner working in a hospital practice in rural South Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural South Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban South Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and we are about to collapse.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban South Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban South Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban South Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban South Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and we are drowning.
I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban South Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic. Need more and better PPE

I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in suburban South Carolina. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because DPC is the answer to the above issues. Going back to taking care of the patients not being dependent on visits (i.e. Fee for service) has allowed us to continue the same level high quality personalized care our patients deserve. Please help us continue and expand the care our patients want and need through the DPC model.

**Tennessee**

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Tennessee. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and we are about to collapse.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in rural Tennessee. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. People are needing ongoing psychiatry and mental health care and the access to this needs to increase. Access and delivery of mental health is and always has been an issue in many rural areas. We must be able to sustain a private psychiatry practice through the use of face to face and telepsychiatry modalities so to decrease deterioration of patients mental health. These modalities must exist and in order to suffice compensation from health insurance companies must exist but also sensible rules on how to deliver these modalities. It is felt there are many road blocks in just delivering such care to patients leading to clinic failures. Examples are excessive paperwork and demands to justify even some care and finally most of all denial of payment or claims citing many reasons not to pay (coding, in or out of network issues, etc). Many patients are sadly driven or at times even not knowing what type of plan they are getting or having changing health plans through false claims of coverage and care. The physical and mental health of this countries people is directly correlates to the health of the county. Please help in allowing mental health needs of those needing it, be accessible and not cumbersome.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Tennessee. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if I close, people in my community have no other access. We have seen a long decline in our profitability- to the point that our ability to stay open is threatened- related to declining reimbursement.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Tennessee. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office, have gone into debt, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We need a SYSTEM that assures that primary care continues even in extreme events when it may be needed most. We need ongoing access to PPE & testing, a steady revenue stream, and an actual nationwide health SYSTEM which includes mental health, dental, long term care, and includes public health and quality control (including in this cost control eliminating treatments we know don’t work).... And it goes without saying we need a leader that will read his National Intel briefings instead of watching Fox News.
I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Tennessee. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in suburban Tennessee. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Tennessee. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

Texas

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We are seeing more sick visits (low pay visits), and the bulk of our revenue is not obtained due to lack of testing (patients are afraid to come in unless they are sick) and testing would allow us to reassure patients it is safe to come in). We need help making it until things are normal again.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and we are about to collapse. The lack of effective PPE in private offices has us begging for charity from organizations who have access to N95 masks. We stay unprotected even as the pandemic drags on after 2 months unable to get the simplest supplies. Help!

I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in rural Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Primary Care freed from the corporate practice of medicine has been a blessing during this pandemic. I have been able to help my local government in planning and executing strategies that have worked. No new cases in our county in 4 weeks. I am proud to be a doctor, not a cog in the medical establishment. Not being solely fixated on the need to have someone walk in my doors every 15 minutes has been amazing.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. Extend strong motion to have all commercial payers adopt audio only parity guidelines of CMS. Help close the glaring disparities in the Social Determinate’s of in these United States.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Primary care is the backbone of the American Healthcare system. We are the lowest paid and least valued, yet a good Family physician saves healthcare millions of dollars every year. I am nickeled and dimed over small things yet I see so much money allocated to programs that have no validity. I take care of my patients and know everyone of them individually. I don’t send to specialists unless it is essential yet, I am audited and questioned about a larger proportion of higher level visits. During the pandemic I stayed open and cared for my patients. I followed all the precautions and saw sick patients only via telemedicine. I saw a drop in my volume by 30-50%. I was able to prevent people from going to the ER and help them through the pandemic even though many specialists and hospital based practices were closed. As a solo Physician for the last 20 years, I feel that I have no voice and I am not recognized or valued for my contributions. The direction of healthcare and all the medicare programs are designed to marginalize and eliminate solo physicians and small practices. This is the worst thing that can happen to American healthcare.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. I need your help to return to our Pre-Covid-19 use of PPE and not reuse N95 masks for five 12 hour shifts and using disposable surgical masks. YOU try wearing socks and underwear for five days in a row. War time “CDC Guidelines” for PPE is DANGEROUS and cross-contamination is inevitable.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and we are about to collapse. I am worried about patient care, not coming to office. I am equally worried of mounting national debt, who and how to pay for it. I am willing to take risk, do what you want me to do. That’s professional calling. God help this country. I am so sick of people not taking personal responsibility and wanting the government to do everything. Equally sick of partisan fighting, when PANDEMIC requires a united front.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and we are drowning.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Stop bashing Trump and making this a political issues. This is a health and medical issue that should be managed by SCIENTISTS, NOT POLITICIANS and the MEDIA. Stop the Media from
publishing inaccurate information; they have a responsibility to INFORM not persuade the public to their point of view regarding politics.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because we are about to collapse.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in rural Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Honestly I feel if we had less restrictions from an insurance/government standpoint, but better guidance, we could do well. I don’t feel you have to fix healthcare. You simply have to stop big industries, like insurance and Medicare, from making the rules. The rules that they come up with are business driven and do not translate into a clinical relationship. Let doctors have the leadership role in fixing the problem and let the market choose which model works best.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. Please provide primary care clinics with free rapid COVID-19 Tests for all patients interested in getting this test.

I am a physician assistant working in a primary care setting in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job, have gone into debt, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.
I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We need enough PPE to care for these people and rapid testing! All of it went to the hospitals! We can’t buy any or are restricted to a certain amount by our distributor! Our patient volume is down since we are not seeing walk ins. We are down to 8 docs from 10. We had to cancel the contract of a new physician. If volume doesn’t pick up, will have to furlough more employees after the PPP program expires on June 15th!

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a government practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a government practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.
I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, saw patients die from COVID-19, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Burn out is a significant issue for physicians across the board. For those of us who financially took a hit, despite continuing to work and educate our patients, we will now have to double our efforts to hope to break even. This, compounded by the enormous weight of COVID on healthcare practitioners from an emotional standpoint, will be dangerous. I fear we will lose physicians to early retirement, career change, but most unfortunately to suicide. The fallout from the COVID pandemic will result, for physicians, in PTSD much like our veterans suffer from. Please help.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are about to collapse, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office and have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.
I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. All of the extra aid has flowed through Medicare. For pediatrics, that means we have received none of it. We are being left behind and already starting to see immunization rates drop, which may lead to massive increases in vaccine preventable illnesses. On top of that, we are being asked to support the mental health needs of our patients more and more as other services that they are used to receiving are not available to them, putting huge strains on our practices that are poorly paid for under current payment models.

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I am a physician working in a primary care setting in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Texas has one of the highest state populations in the US, yet ranks near the bottom in available COVID-19 testing. This will need to change dramatically if there is any hope of containing this pandemic. The lives of providers and patients hang in the balance of your actions.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in rural Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

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it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are about to collapse, and we are drowning.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Primary care has always needed more financial support and less burden. This has been compounded by Covid 19.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job. Primary care needs your help, because people are giving medical advice without a medical license which has resulted in many of us losing our jobs and killing those or permanently injuring those they gave medical advice to.
I am a physician working in a community health center in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because lack of protective gear due to foreign supply dependence is the #1 problem.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a convenience primary care practice (walk-in, retail, urgent care) in urban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help. We are grateful for the PPP. If we as a country can reopen with precautions we can survive and remain strong for our patients.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Texas. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because we help keep overall healthcare costs down. Don't give me a handout, but give me the chance to educate the public with evidence-based health information without being ostracized because it doesn't fit neatly into a political policy.

Utah

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Utah. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. All PPE probably went to hotspots. We do not have access to PPE. We can’t order or it’s paid out of pocket.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban Utah. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. There needs to be a concerted effort to increase advance care planning that includes consideration of goals of care in the COVID-19 era, especially among older adults, and primary care (including geriatrics) is uniquely well positioned to accomplish this.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in urban Utah. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Studies show that communities with more access to primary care have lower mortality.

I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in suburban Utah. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in urban Utah. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

Vermont

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in rural Vermont. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are drowning and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.
I am a nurse practitioner working in a community health center in rural Vermont. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Please help us get full reimbursement for Medicare telephone visits: many of our patients lack the ability to do video visits but need care. As individuals over 65 years and older, they are a greatest risk for covid 19 complications and should stay home. But, they can’t if we can’t provide care over the phone and get reimbursed appropriately.

Virginia

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a health system practice in suburban Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and we are drowning.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a community health center in suburban Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. We need an increased ability to test and need antibody testing in the Charlottesville area.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails with it. The media has made patients afraid to get their routine care. This will create a larger crisis in the long run. We have the paycheck protection loan for eight weeks of salary coverage and after that we will be forced to have significant layoffs in our practice. It is time to open back up the economy and let things get back to normal. People are smart enough to make their own decisions regarding their risk stratification. The government has far over reached their job in creating new laws aimed at protecting people from a virus. Decisions need to be based on facts and statistics not on fear. With more testing we will see higher numbers with the true denominator of this virus will never be known. The American people want to get back to work and the government needs to quit interfering. This is particularly true of low risk areas like ours. Also physicians are entitled to know where the numbers in our area are coming from. I suspect the majority are in long-term care facilities but no one will give honest answers or numbers.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a large medical group in suburban Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.
I am a nurse practitioner working in a community health center in rural Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a primary care setting in urban Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. Considering audio-only telephone visits as on-par with video virtual visits to provide patient care is a critical consideration in extending telemedicine to patients who lack broadband internet access, high capacity cellular data plans, or who might lack comfort using digital video-based tools. These include minority patients, lower-income patients, rural patients, and older patients. There is fundamentally no evident reason why audio-only telephone visits should not be considered as equivalent work/complexity to video-based or in-person visits.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. With less rural primary care, millions of Americans will suffer the consequences of losing access to needed acute and preventive services. A second epidemic, that of delayed or absent care, is already occurring; it will get much much worse.

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I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Primary care practices need to be open to care for patients and their multiple comorbidities.

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I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Regardless of claims to the contrary, we remain little safer now than before life as we knew it changed. Society needs widespread accurate rapid COVID testing. We need contact tracing and isolation via an army of trained public health workers. Perhaps there is room to recruit from the millions who are now out of work. We need more PPE. Virtual health access has been indispensable, but it is glitchy and challenging. I frequently have to attempt up to 3 different platforms with on-the-fly troubleshooting in order to connect with my patients. Staff spend huge amounts of time attempting to walk people through these steps...often only to find the infrastructure is lacking. This too is an enormous opportunity for people to work: technological infrastructure improvement. This is a watershed, just as 9/11 was. Virtual will remain the new normal, not only in healthcare, but in many aspects of daily life. It too is in dire need of attention.
I am a physician working in urban Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because in pediatrics, we are seeing a decrease in vaccine rates and this poses dangers in terms of other emerging infections like measles and pertussis, on top of COVID-19. Our practice is generating much less income due to the decrease in volume. Although children in general are experiencing less severe illness and mortality, I fear they are especially vulnerable to the effects of the economic downturn and we are seeing more hunger, mental health problems, and risk of child abuse and neglect.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in rural Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help and our governor needs to open up the state and return to work. Despite even that, we are seeing businesses close even though we have 2 in 10000 people with active covid 19.

Washington

I am a physician working in a community health center in urban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job, was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in rural Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in suburban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and we are drowning.

I am a nurse practitioner working in my own practice in suburban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. We are doing the best we can to continue to support our patients with telemedicine.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.
I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Not protected for audio. Not paid for audio. Patients need to come to the office for us to get paid. Patients need to be told to do this by TV messaging.

I am a practice team member working in a community health center in urban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in rural Washington. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in urban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office, have gone into debt, and had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are drowning, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in urban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We are experiencing loss of income, lack of ability to pay for necessary support staff, and difficulty keeping our practice alive.

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I am a nurse practitioner working in a primary care setting in suburban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. The free clinics and faith-based clinics in the US that depend solely on donations also need help.
I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in urban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. I appreciate all of your very hard work during these difficult times. I know you have precious little time and many of you are in a high-risk group yourselves. But you really should personally speak with a few practitioners in diverse settings in your state to fully gauge what is happening on the street. Not your staff - you! And the more you can collaborate with a clear, evidence-based message to the public, the better off we all will be.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Please expose the Senate’s obstruction of needed legislation. Please answer immediately when the president puts out such egregious propaganda that easily fools so many. It is up to you to immediately get the truth out. We need a national health care system that is not connected to employment.

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I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are about to collapse and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. The health care system is on life support and drowning in debt. Primary care doctors are the backbone that all of medicine depends on. We are imploding. We need universal health care that puts patients above profits. We need the federal government to be the leader in a coordinated response rather than making the states and local systems fight each other for scarce resources. Not have The TSA hoard 1.2 million N-95 mask for themselves when no one is flying! Stop playing politics. Do your damn job and let us do ours with right resources so we can save lives.

I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in rural Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and we are drowning.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a community health center in rural Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We need a consistent bi-partisan message from our national leaders and less in-fighting during this time. Provide a clear, simple message for the public based on science and update this message at regular intervals. National leaders are losing credibility when they promote misinformation (about the availability of testing and PPE, about accurate infection rates, about effective treatments available in outpatient and inpatient settings) as well as when relief bills are not focused simply on relief efforts and instead include add-on/buried measures. Keep it simple, keep it focused, and prioritize interventions based on science-based triage and decision making. Keep decision-making transparent and maintain a clear message that we (as primary care providers) can reinforce within our communities.

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I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in urban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. It is time for Congress to pass legislation that allows Direct Primary Care providers to work directly for insured patients of all types for a fixed periodic fee determined by the doctors and patients - NOT by government or insurance companies. The insurer can guarantee some or all of fee if they chose to, but NOT set the fee itself, so that Primary Care will no longer be suffocated by inadequate payment and doctors can work for patients again. This is the foundation for a functioning health care system in the US, and you will need to triple the number of PCPs to make our system work.

I am a physician working in a community health center in urban Washington. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because when hospitals are overwhelmed and/or patients are afraid of the ER, it is the relationship with their primary care team that ensures they get the care they need and stay out of the hospital/ER as much as possible (and can also convince them to go the hospital/ER if absolutely necessary).
West Virginia

I am a physician working in a health system practice in rural West Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in my own practice in suburban West Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality.

I am a physician working in a primary care setting in suburban West Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I lost my job and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are about to collapse, and we are drowning.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in urban West Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I was or was presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. This pandemic should emphasize the need for more aggressive testing; I am a pregnant physician who works almost every single day, either through the EMR or seeing patients in-person who are often denied a test based on strict CDC guidelines. Aggressive testing needs to be stressed from the national level so that our healthcare workforce can try to take care of patients as safely as possible.

I am a physician working in a community health center in rural West Virginia. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. We need improved Medicare for All. People should not be worrying about losing their health care coverage during a pandemic when they just lost their job. Universal, single payer system for a health society and sustainable nation.

Wisconsin

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in suburban Wisconsin. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. We are unable as a nation to provide equitable and adequate care for all patients without a national coordinated incident response - state efforts to date have been spotty and struggle without federal support.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Wisconsin. Because of the pandemic, I closed my office and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. Invisibly primary care saves many lives and costs by
intervening early though direct patient access. Our patients trust us. They call for advice. Navigating changed times is possible, and primary care can reduce illness and mortality by continuing to advise early and wisely.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in rural Wisconsin. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, if I close, people in my community have no other access, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in urban Wisconsin. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a health system practice in suburban Wisconsin. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because if I close, people in my community have no other access and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it. We are well under capacity. We are having to furlough staff for lack of patients. The flattened curve is as flat as it is going to get. The shutdown has gone on far too long. Also, I would use whatever means necessary to greatly accelerate a vaccine availability by the end of the year, even if it is only available to limited people or requires more aggressive challenge type testing to achieve.

I am a nurse practitioner working in a health system practice in urban Wisconsin. Because of the pandemic, I had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off. Primary care needs your help, because if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a hospital practice in rural Wisconsin. Because of the pandemic, I have gone into debt, had members of my practice furloughed or laid-off, and saw patients die from COVID-19. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

I am a physician working in a large medical group in suburban Wisconsin. Because of the pandemic, I had practice members out and presumed infected with COVID-19 due to lack of PPE, had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested, and saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, we are about to collapse, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

Wyoming

I am a nurse practitioner working in my own practice in suburban Wyoming. Because of the pandemic, I saw patients die because of COVID-19 related gaps in care. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if I close, people in my community have no other access.

I am a physician working in a direct primary care or membership-based practice in rural Wyoming. Because of the pandemic, I had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic and without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality. The fee-for-service healthcare system rewards procedures and undervalues primary care.
I am a physician working in my own practice in rural Wyoming. Because of the pandemic, I may close my office and had patients who were likely infected with COVID-19 but could not be tested. Primary care needs your help, because we are not ready for the next wave of the pandemic, without it we will see dramatic increases in all disease morbidity and mortality, and if primary care fails, the health system goes with it.

Thank you for your time.