

Congressman Xavier Becerra
350 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Becerra:

I am writing to express my support for the Community Health Center program and to highlight the critical role Health Centers play in Los Angeles, California. I currently serve as [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED], and Arroyo Vista Family Health Center (Arroyo Vista) is an invaluable element of our community, contributing to the overall health and wellbeing of the community's residents and serving as a powerful economic engine and job creator. I am writing you to urge you to help preserve Health Centers like Arroyo Vista.

As we all work to curb the rising cost of health care in this country, I can tell you first-hand that Arroyo Vista is doing its part to reduce costs to the health care system by effectively managing chronic care conditions, coordinating care among the community's providers, and keeping people out of costlier care settings like the emergency room. I was not surprised to learn that, in fact, nationally this savings amounts to \$1,200 per patient per year – a total annual savings of \$24 billion to the entire health care system. In addition to reducing costs, Arroyo Vista provides high-quality primary and preventive health care to the people who need it most. It serves as the health care home for many families at five health centers and provides primary care, dental, optometry, podiatry, imaging, and a variety of support services to Los Angeles residents. Moreover, Arroyo Vista is an important employer and job creator.

As a member of the Los Angeles community myself, I have witnessed the countless contributions Arroyo Vista has made to addressing Los Angeles health care needs while at the same time boosting our local economy. I am asking for your help now to preserve Health Centers' so they can continue their vital role in our health care system. My request is urgent, because Health Centers like Arroyo Vista are currently facing a significant loss of federal funding in the years ahead. Such a loss of funding would immediately reduce access to care for many in our community and damage our local economy, something we cannot afford and I know you do not want to see happen.

I am hopeful our community can count on your future support as we work to meet the persistent demand for affordable primary care in Los Angeles while at the same time responsibly addressing our budgetary needs.

Sincerely,

[NAME], [ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS]