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Dear Supervisors,

I am Dr. Samuel Phang and I've been a primary care family physician for 12 years in Ventura County. It is increasingly difficult to work in the County ambulatory care clinics due to budget constraints. We were told there are no funds for prescription pads, white coats, or supplies for health education. We have limited support staff, and physicians end up having to do the tasks of nurses, social workers, and billers/coders. It takes more time and effort to not compromise patient care. I already work through my lunch everyday and bring work home to complete until after midnight. We were not even assigned sufficient time to complete County's compliance modules and were expected to use our own time. We are asked to do more with less time and with fewer resources. There is widespread burn-out, and it is very difficult to recruit and retain doctors. Many experienced primary care doctors who are pillars in the community have resigned. In the proposed Budget, Administration plans to cut 22 positions for Primary Care Physicians. This is not helpful for our healthcare workforce and the care we can provide for the patients of Ventura County. Please help advocate for the health and well-being of our County patients. Thank you for your consideration.

Samuel Phang, MD

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