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Dear Board Members,

My name is Annapurna Karra and I am a family physician at Moorpark Family Medical Clinic. I am writing because I am concerned about the proposed county budget and how cuts in funding to primary care will affect the most vulnerable populations in our community.

How to provide compassionate, cost-effective, high quality medical care to patients in a broken medical system is a dilemma that few have figured out. To divest from primary care however, is never going to be the answer. .

I and many of my colleagues didn't go into Family Medicine and primary care because we care about money. I am here (I stayed) because I want to take care of the underserved and most vulnerable in my community.

Already, it is not an easy task. We are overloaded and being asked to provide top notch care without the proper resources. After seeing patients in the clinic, I am spending 2-4 hours working at home after my children go to sleep trying to keep up. This time and dedication is not compensated. As a result, I struggle to take care of myself and my family. I struggle to answer patient's concerns about why there are delays in care, why important aspects of their health are overlooked or go unaddressed.

I do not feel that I and my work are valued. I have watched as colleagues and career physicians working in the County leave the system for other opportunities. I regularly wonder if I may need to do the same but loathe the idea of leaving my patients. Against this backdrop, to now hear about proposed cuts to support for primary care physicians is even more discouraging and demoralizing.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed budget and to listen to the concerns of the physicians who are dedicated and working above and beyond for the health and well being of our community.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Annapurna Karra, MD/MPH

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