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First, it is good to see you and thank you for coming. I have been trying to get a personal meeting with you since February 3rd. Unfortunately, that request is still pending as they mentioned you are unavailable for the foreseeable future. It is sad to think that I've been having trouble meeting with a former colleague. I hope we can sit down as a follow up to this conversation.

Due to how the drug price setting provisions in the IRA were drafted, physicians will see a reimbursement cut as the MFP replaces the ASP in Part B.

- **At a time where we have physician shortages, do you support policies that result in physicians being reimbursed less than they currently are?**

I don't think your Administration realizes that under these circumstances, doctors are going to stop seeing Medicare patients all together. As a matter of fact, they may close their practice in general. The policies that your administration is putting forward impacts this will have on rural areas where access to care is already limited.

- **Will you commit to engage with the physician community on this?**
- **Do you intend to engage with Congress on this topic?**

Good, I look forward to that conversation.