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Dr. Steven Furr, MD, FAAFP  
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Dear Dr. Furr:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on Thursday, October 19, 2023, to testify at the hearing entitled "What's the Prognosis?: Examining Medicare Proposals to Improve Patient Access to Care & Minimize Red Tape for Doctors."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions and requests with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, November 22, 2023. Your responses should be mailed to Jolie Brochin, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Jolie.Brochin@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jolie.Brochin@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Brett Guthrie  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Health

cc: Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

**The Honorable Earl L. “Buddy” Carter**

- 1) Dr. Furr - What misaligned incentives can we correct to fix this health care workforce shortage that’s driving consolidation and causing many independent primary care practices to go out of business in rural and underserved communities?
- 2) Dr. Furr - How has the increasing administrative burden in the Medicare programs impacted timely access to care and contributed to the burnout of physicians – especially in rural and underserved areas?
- 3) Dr. Furr - Do you believe we should eliminate the geographic adjustments for physician work RVUs under the fee schedule? As a rural physician, isn’t your work worth just as much as another doctor located in an urban area?