

## Call Script

- I am a physician from [TOWN] and have been treating patients for [add information about your practice: your specialty, number of years you've been practicing, etc]
- I am calling to urge [REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATOR NAME] to act to preserve important programs that are set to expire by October 1. Specifically, I call on [REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATOR NAME] to support extending currently authorized telehealth flexibilities and reauthorizing the National Health Service Corps and Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education programs
- Extending the telehealth waivers will enable my patients to continue to have the flexibility to receive telehealth services in their homes and ensure that health centers and rural health clinics can provide telehealth services. Telehealth can improve patient health outcomes, increase access to care, and reduce medical costs when used as a component of a patient's long-term care.
- I also urge you to support reauthorizing and funding the NHSC and THCGME programs. These health workforce programs help ensure a healthy pipeline of incoming primary care physicians in communities that need them most. We're facing a primary care physician shortage of at least 20,000 primary care physicians by 2026 and medical student debt is skyrocketing. These physicians-in-training serve an important role in the delivery of health care, and we need to invest in these programs now more than ever.
- Physicians on me need these programs to be extended, and I am counting on [REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATOR NAME] to continue to fund these important programs to protect patients' access to care.