**Sample Cover Letter**

Dear [Policymaker/Stakeholder]:

On behalf of the [insert state] chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP), representing [add chapter membership] internal medicine physician specialists and medical students in our state, I am writing to share with you the attached issue brief about ACP’s new vision for a better health care system that includes information specific to our state. As this nation faces the worst pandemic in a century, now more than ever it is critical that we take steps to fix our broken health care system.

Our chapter is part of the American College of Physicians, which nationally represents 163,000 internal medicine physician specialists and medical student members. In January, 2020, the American College of Physicians released a series of policy papers published in a supplement to Annals of Internal Medicine titled “Better is Possible: The American College of Physicians Vision for the U.S. Health Care System,” that outlines a New Vision for U.S. health care, assessing the strengths and weaknesses in the U.S. health care system today and offering policy recommendations for improvement. [View](https://www.acponline.org/system/files/documents/advocacy/where_we_stand/assets/acp_new_vision_chapter_1-2_pager_final.pdf) summary.

As physicians, we are on the front lines of patient care every day, which means caring for patients with pre-existing or chronic conditions, helping them manage multiple prescription drugs, out-of-pocket costs, insurance requirements, and treating their illnesses. As such, we know personally the strengths and weaknesses of the health care system.

ACP offers an evidence-based, carefully considered plan on how our nation’s health care system can be transformed into a fair, just, and sustainable one for all Americans. We urge you to read this issue brief and ACP’s new vision policy papers and work with us to advance recommendations consistent with these policies.

Yours truly,

[Insert name]

Governor

[Insert state] Chapter of the American College of Physicians