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As you continue to develop the next COVID-19 legislative response package, we urge you to provide critical support for larger Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) by exempting them from the 500 employee eligibility limit included in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). As you work to replenish funding for this successful program, allowing FQHCs with more than 500 employees to participate will provide much needed relief to these institutions as they serve the most vulnerable populations during the pandemic.

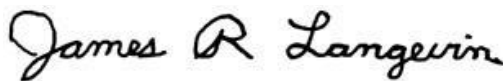
As you know, FQHCs are a critical part of the health safety net, serving the uninsured, the underserved, or those enrolled in Medicaid. Their ability to provide health services to all people, regardless of their ability to pay, is crucial to the success of our ongoing efforts to combat the COVID-19 epidemic. FQHCs will also serve a larger role and will need additional support as people who have lost their employer-provided insurance will seek out their services.

While many FQHCs have been able to receive relief under the PPP, other larger centers, some with just over 500 employees, are faced with difficult financial situations as their patient populations grows. In order to ensure that they may continue to see patients and keep their employees on payroll, we urge you to lift the PPP employee cap for FQHCs in the next COVID-19 legislative package.

Sincerely,



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