

### **Directions for the Advocacy Hotline:**

Dial **1-866-456-3949**, listen to the Health Center message prompt and enter your zip code to be connected to your Members of Congress. *If you've already called and heard the message you may enter your zip code as soon as the message begins to skip ahead to Congressional selection.*

The system will give you options for which Member of Congress to connect with – you may press option 1, 2 or 3, each corresponding to a different Member – make sure to choose option 3 to connect to your Representative.

### **Congressional Call Script – Fix the Health Center Funding Cliff**

Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, I'm calling as a \_\_\_patient/board member/staff member, supporter\_\_\_ of \_\_\_Health Center Name\_\_\_ in \_\_\_town\_\_\_.

I'm calling today because I'm extremely concerned that Congress still hasn't taken action to fix the Health Center Funding Cliff.

Without Congressional action the Health Center Program will lose 70% of Program funding – this would be a devastating cut.

My Health Center and my community cannot afford to take this kind of hit; there are literal lives and jobs at stake.

I'm asking Representative \_\_\_\_\_ to co-sign the Stefanik-Tsongas (*pronounced "Son-gas"*) Health Centers Dear Colleague Letter addressed to Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Pelosi – the letter asked for bi-partisan action immediately to extend health center funding and fix the cliff. Can I count on the Congressman/woman to co-sign this important letter?

Thanks for taking the time to talk with me today – I'm counting on the Representative to work with Congressional colleagues to fix the Health Center Funding Cliff once and for all.