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INSERT DATE

Assembly Representative (INSERT NAME)
P.O. Box 8952 (Last name begins with A-L)
P.O. Box 8953 (Last name begins with M-Z)
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

- OR -

Senator (INSERT NAME)
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Sample Letter

Dear Representative or Senator (INSERT LAST NAME):

I am writing to request that you:

**Support: Increased Medicaid reimbursement rates for Speech Language
Pathology and Audiology services**

(or)

**Oppose: Decreases in Medicaid reimbursement rates for Speech Language
Pathology and Audiology services**

I am a licensed state speech pathologist with a practice in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. I practice at the Gunderson Clinic in LaCrosse where I treat children and adults from the greater LaCrosse region as well as surrounding rural communities. I have learned that the Assembly (or Senate) Health Committee will soon be voting on Assembly Bill 100, which increases Medicaid reimbursement rates for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology services. I am writing to request that you please support Assembly Bill 100; support the increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates at the committee level and on the Assembly floor.

As a practicing speech pathologist, I am concerned about the potential consequences of failing to enact this bill. Without the increase in reimbursement for speech therapies and audiology services, the state is at risk that providers will no longer be able to offer these services. This is because current reimbursement rates are simply inadequate to meet our cost of providing the service. Here in the LaCrosse area, we already are seeing a decrease in the number of providers who see Medicaid recipients due to the inadequate reimbursement.

Many areas in Wisconsin are underserved medically, and the citizens of these areas are forced to travel long distances simply to receive basic care. Fewer providers of these services will translate to fewer of Wisconsin's most needy gaining access to critical speech therapy services.

I urge your support of AB100. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Mary Smith, M.S., CCC-SLP

Cc: Members of the Senate and Assembly Health Committees