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Scott Harris, MD
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Dear Dr. Harris:

Thank you for ALL that you are doing to protect the health of Alabamians and the thousands of patients we serve. Your fortitude during this crisis is to be commended!

We, the undersigned Alabama organizations, representing not just physicians but the thousands of Alabamians served by them, write to request relief in the form of the supply of Personal Protective Equipment for primary care physicians who are seeing shortages in their practices.

While we fully understand that prioritization must be given to those on the front lines in hospital ICUs as well as in the geographic areas of the “hot spots,” we ask that consideration be given to appropriate a certain amount of new supplies for primary care physicians who are on the front lines of managing this crisis in every corner of the state.

We understand your continued dilemma on this front but ask that you consider innovative ways to approach this for the benefit of the patients who are still in need of visits to physicians during this pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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