

## **Advocacy in Action: Protecting Arizona's Community Health Centers**

As we move forward following the election, the Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers remains deeply committed to advocating for policies that strengthen and sustain the vital work done in our Community Health Centers. No matter the changes in Washington or here in Arizona, our resolve is unwavering. CHCs provide essential services to our communities, and our role in ensuring their resilience has never been more critical.

In the months ahead, our advocacy efforts will intensify. We'll be conducting direct outreach to Arizona's State and Federal elected officials to share the story of our CHCs — the challenges we face, the lives we touch, and the healthcare access we provide to the people of Arizona. This outreach is crucial. When our representatives understand the real impact of CHCs, they can better support policies that enhance our ability to deliver care, particularly to underserved populations.

Additionally, we'll strengthen collaborations with like-minded organizations that share our vision for a healthier Arizona. By working together, we amplify our voice and expand our reach. These partnerships will allow us to advocate for meaningful change on issues such as access to affordable healthcare, the social drivers of health, and continued support for public health infrastructure.

We will also double down on our Civic Health initiatives, promoting civic engagement and education. Engaged and informed communities are healthier communities, and we're dedicated to helping our patients and the public understand how to advocate for themselves and their communities.

Our commitment to advocating for CHCs is not merely a reaction to an election—it's the core of who we are. Together, we will continue to advance our mission, protect our values, and, most importantly, support the health and well-being of all Arizonans.

With resolve,  
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