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Dear Sir or Ms:

I am a CRNA in practice at Sunnyside Community Hospital, a Critical Access Hospital in Sunnyside, Washington. Sunnyside has a population of 16,000; our hospital has 6 CRNAs who administer between 4300 and 5000 anesthetics annually for surgical, diagnostic, and obstetric procedures.

I have been an alpha tester for the OSAEMR App prototype.

I am writing to express my full and complete support for funding the movement of the OSAEMR prototype into production and distribution to CRNAs in rural settings.

Our small, but busy, hospital does not have the resources to provide the CRNAs with an anesthesia EMR. And although the federal medical programs require the use of an EMR, the government does not provide any funding for it.

Without an EMR, collecting the clinical data required by the federal government is overwhelming. We will incur payment penalties for not providing the required data to the government.

I have used the OSAEMR application. It easily and quickly acquires and integrates clinical data. Once the data for each case is entered, OSAEMR creates a legible and accurate anesthesia record. The record can then be printed or transmitted to the patient's electronic record. The OSAEMR meets the federal requirements.

Our group of CRNAs has been concerned about our inability to report our data, and we are looking forward to gaining this new capability with the production version of OSAEMR.

Once again, I encourage funding of this worthwhile project. Please feel free to contact me by email or phone if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,