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SCHWARTZ AND ROE PROMOTE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND
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Washington, D.C. – U.S. Reps. Allyson Schwartz (D-PA) and Phil Roe (R-TN) today re-launched the Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus, dedicated to promoting excellence in medical education and ensuring abundant training opportunities for the next generation of physicians. This bipartisan Caucus provides a forum for members to engage in a constructive dialogue about the challenges and opportunities surrounding graduate medical education (GME) in the United States.

“We take pride in the groundbreaking achievements happening in our nation's teaching hospitals and medical schools, and recognize the unique research, education, and safety net functions that these institutions undertake,” Schwartz said.

“We also recognize the critical role our nation’s teaching hospitals play in both the delivery of quality health care and the development of our future health care workforce,” Roe added.

The Academic Medicine Caucus stands ready to work with these institutions and providers to confront challenges facing academic medicine and the health care system as a whole. The Caucus will also explore sound policy approaches to ensuring an adequate supply of qualified physicians that is capable of meeting the health care needs of the nation.

“America is on the cusp of a crisis in access to both specialty and primary care physicians due to a mounting physician shortage,” said Caucus Co-Chairs Schwartz and Roe. “Supporting our nation’s GME system will be pivotal to addressing this issue.”