

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Join the Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join in our efforts to promote excellence in medical education and ensure the highest quality training, innovative research and patient care opportunities are available for the next generation of physicians by joining the Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus. This bipartisan caucus provides a forum for members to engage in a constructive dialogue about the challenges and opportunities surrounding graduate medical education (GME) and health care workforce issues in the United States.

We take pride in the groundbreaking achievements happening in our nation's teaching hospitals and medical schools, and recognize their unique patient care, research, education and safety net missions. Teaching hospitals maintain life-saving services that are often unavailable elsewhere in communities, all while treating the nation's most vulnerable patient populations—regardless of their ability to pay.

American medical schools and teaching hospitals create an environment where the full spectrum of research—from basic discovery to clinical and community implementation—flourishes alongside clinical care and physician training. Capitalizing on the opportunity to address the many research related challenges facing academic medicine has never been more imperative.

We recognize the critical role our nation's medical schools and teaching hospitals play in both the delivery of quality health care and the development of our future health care workforce. Therefore, the caucus will explore sound policy approaches to ensure there is an adequate supply of qualified physicians capable of meeting the health care needs of the nation. We are now on the cusp of a crisis in access to both primary care and specialty physicians due to this mounting physician shortage and a growing, aging population. Supporting our nation's GME and health care workforce systems are pivotal to addressing this issue.

We hope that you will join us in this important effort. If you would like to join the Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus please contact either Elizabeth Brown in Congresswoman Castor's office at elizabeth.brown@mail.house.gov or Aaron Bill in Congressman Roe's office at aaron.bill@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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