

Join the Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join the Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus to promote and recognize the important role that medical schools, teaching hospitals and faculty physicians play to improve the health of people everywhere. This bipartisan caucus provides a forum for members and staff to engage in a constructive and educational dialogue about the opportunities and challenges surrounding key issues that impact the academic medicine community and patients they serve, including the health care workforce, medical research, health care delivery, health equity, education and more.

We take pride in the groundbreaking achievements of our nation's teaching hospitals and medical schools – many of which are in our own backyards. Teaching hospitals and their faculty physicians cultivate and provide high-quality health care to patients throughout and beyond the states and districts where they are located. They provide specialized treatment and access to life-saving services that are often unavailable elsewhere, all while treating the nation's most underserved and complex patients – regardless of their ability to pay.

As major centers of research, they discover and pioneer new and more effective medical treatments that set the standard of care throughout medicine. With leading medical experts, the most advanced technologies, and the latest evidence-based treatments, these centers of medical excellence also work to develop more effective models of health care delivery that improve the quality of patient care and lower costs. They also work toward a healthier future for all by building partnerships and cultivating trust as anchor institutions in their communities. At the same time, these institutions are vital economic engines at the local, state, and national levels. They generate jobs and support business and community development opportunities for our neighbors.

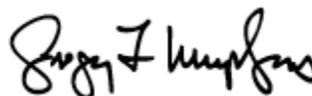
We recognize the critical role that our nation's teaching hospitals and medical schools play, and hope that you will join us in this important effort as we continue to discuss and explore policy approaches to help strengthen the nation's health and well-being.

If you would like to join the Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus, please contact Nora Blalock in Representative Castor's office at Nora.Blalock@mail.house.gov and McLean Piner in Representative Murphy's office at McLean.Piner@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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