



September 9, 2025

The Honorable John Boozman
U.S. Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Raphael Warnock
U.S. Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
U.S. Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
U.S. Senate
479A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Terri Sewell
U.S. House of Representatives
2201 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick
U.S. House of Representatives
271 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Sens. Boozman, Warnock, Collins, and Schumer, and Reps. Sewell and Fitzpatrick:

On behalf of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Advocacy Coalition, the undersigned organizations offer our enthusiastic support for the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2025 (S. 2439/ H.R. 4731). This bipartisan legislation is crucial to expanding the physician workforce and ensuring that patients across the country are able to access quality care from health providers.

As demand for health care services continues to rise, projections show a physician shortage of up to 86,000 primary care and specialty doctors by 2036.¹ To meet this growing need, America's medical schools, teaching hospitals, and physicians are making significant investments in training the next generation of providers and advancing innovative care delivery models. These efforts are improving efficiency and expanding access, but they alone are not enough. Without expanding the pipeline of physicians, workforce shortages and access barriers will remain.

It is vital that Congress continue to build on recent bipartisan progress to invest in physician training, including the creation of 1,200 new Medicare-supported GME positions since 2021, the first increase in nearly three decades. The Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2025 builds on this momentum by adding 2,000 Medicare-supported GME slots annually over seven years, for a total of 14,000 new positions. Importantly, the bill ensures that a portion of these new positions will be directed to hospitals that serve high-need communities including: rural

¹ [The Complexities of Physician Supply and Demand: Projections from 2021 to 2036.](#)

hospitals, hospitals serving health professional shortage areas with a priority to those affiliated with Historically Black Medical Schools, hospitals in states with new medical schools or campuses, and hospitals training above their existing resident caps.

We look forward to working together to support the training of future physicians and to secure additional support for the passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Association of American Medical Colleges

Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)

Alliance of Specialty Medicine

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

American Academy of Neurology

American Academy of Ophthalmology

American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

American Association of Neurological Surgeons

American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine

American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons

American Board of Medical Specialties

American College of Academic Addiction Medicine

American College of Cardiology

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American College of Osteopathic Internists

American College of Physicians

American College of Radiology

American College of Rheumatology

American College of Surgeons

American Gastroenterological Association

American Medical Association

American Osteopathic Association

American Psychiatric Association

American Society for Clinical Pathology

American Society of Addiction Medicine

American Society of Anesthesiologists

American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery

American Society of Echocardiography

American Society of Plastic Surgeons

American Urological Association

AMGA

Asian and Pacific American Medical Student Association

Association for Advancing Physician and Provider Recruitment (AAPPR)

Association of Minority Health Professions Schools

California Hospital Association
Children's Hospital Association
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations
College of American Pathologists
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Emergency Department Practice Management Association (EDPMA)
Federation of American Hospitals
Federation of State Medical Boards
Greater New York Hospital Association
Healthcare Association of New York State
Healthcare Leadership Council
Heart Failure Society of America
Medical Group Management Association
Minnesota Hospital Association
National AHEC Organization
National Rural Health Association
Obesity Medicine Association
Premier Inc.
Sleep Research Society
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Interventional Radiology
Student National Medical Association (SNMA)
Thalamus
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The American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons
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