

# Join the Bipartisan Primary Care Caucus

**From: The Honorable Joe Courtney**

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Dear Colleague:

It is no secret that health care markets are complex, and as we continue to review studies and recommendations suggesting paths forward to improve health reform, one constant reflected by data is the importance of a strong primary care system. Studies from across the research arena have shown that establishing a relationship with a primary care provider is one of the most reliable determinants of better health outcomes.

Both Democrats and Republicans agree that our health system will work more efficiently and cost less if we invest in our primary care workforce, and emphasize the importance of preventative and primary care to patients. Following these principles, we encourage you to work with us to improve our nation's health care system by joining the bipartisan Primary Care Caucus.

The Primary Care Caucus will focus on educating Members of Congress and the public on the importance of primary care, in addition to advancing public policy that supports and promotes primary care providers as the foundation of the health care system. The caucus will explore innovative approaches to develop and to maintain a highly trained, team-centered workforce dedicated to improving health outcomes and providing value to patients.

This caucus will promote patient care that is continuous, connected, equitable to all regardless of age, race, or gender, and is mindful and accommodating of social determinants that may impede access to primary care. Our hope is that the Primary Care Caucus will transcend politics, to focus on a positive path forward for patients, providers, and our health care system that will finally achieve the triple aim of higher quality, lower cost, and better health outcomes.

To find out why primary care is vital to our nation's health and to join the Primary Care Caucus, please contact Michelle Greenhalgh ([michelle.greenhalgh@mail.house.gov](mailto:michelle.greenhalgh@mail.house.gov)) in Congressman Courtney's office or Kyle Sanders ([kyle.sanders@mail.house.gov](mailto:kyle.sanders@mail.house.gov)) in Congressman Rouzer's office.

Sincerely,

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