



FamMedPAC Advisory Board

2026 Resident Annual Report

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Purpose & Scope of Work

On a national level, the American Academy of Family Physicians is focused on advocating for Congress to pass legislation that better recognizes the value of primary care, reduces administrative burden, increases and diversifies the physician workforce, and improves health care for all. One of the many tools the AAFP uses to achieve this mission is the Family Medicine Political Action Committee (FamMedPAC). Started in 2005, FamMedPAC is family medicine's bipartisan political voice in Washington, DC, and it supports the AAFP's efforts to lead federal conversations regarding policies that impact the health of patients, families and

communities. FamMedPAC combines AAFP members' voluntary personal contributions into significant and strategic election campaign contributions to shape a Congress that is more friendly to primary care and the family medicine profession.

Key Discussion and Action

During the 2023-2024 election cycle, FamMedPAC raised a total of \$541,738 from 2,468 donors with an average contribution of \$219.48. FamMedPAC spent \$683,300 dollars and 57% of contributions went to Democratic candidates and committees while 43% went to Republican candidates and committees.

FamMedPAC was proud to have been an early supporter of several physician candidates who won their elections and were sworn into the United States House of Representatives in January 2025. Since taking office, the Government Relations team has been able to successfully leverage FamMedPAC's support of their candidacies to build meaningful relationships with these new members and their staff. They include:

- Maxine Dexter, MD, a pulmonologist who was a primary care champion during her many years as a representative in the Oregon State Legislature. She won her primary on May 21, 2024, and went on to also win in the general election in November. Rep. Dexter now serves on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the House Committee on Natural Resources and is a member of the newly-created Democratic Doctors Caucus.
- Herb Conaway, MD, an internist who served in the New Jersey General Assembly for more than 25 years. He won his primary on June 4, 2024, and went on to win the general election in November. Rep. Conaway now serves on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the House Committee on

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Small Business and is a member of the newly-created Democratic Doctors Caucus.

- Mike Kennedy, MD, a family physician who previously served in both houses of the Utah State Legislature. He won his primary on June 25, 2024, and went on to win the general election in November. Rep. Kennedy now serves on the House Committee on Natural Resources, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. He is also a member of the Republican Doctors Caucus.

Throughout 2025 and 2026, FamMedPAC has invested in a new slate of candidates, including nine physician candidates committed to advancing primary care, and those efforts will continue through Election Day.

To date, FamMedPAC has raised \$447,209.60 for the 2025-2026 election cycle. FamMedPAC typically has a presence during AAFP meetings and conferences such as the AAFP Leadership Conference, the Family Medicine Advocacy Summit, FUTURE Conference, and the Congress of Delegates and Family Medicine Experience where members can engage with FamMedPAC staff and Board members and ask questions about its' work. In addition to having a presence at AAFP events and meetings, FamMedPAC has also been focused on expanding its communications program over the past year.

FamMedPAC has disbursed \$638,000 to campaigns and committees so far for the 2025-2026 election cycle. Fifty-seven percent of those funds have been disbursed to Democratic candidates or committees, and 43% went to Republican candidates or committees. A detailed map of FamMedPAC contributions by state is available to members at all times on the FamMedPAC website.

FamMedPAC shifted its disbursement strategy for the 2025-2026 federal election cycle, moving to a strategic budgeting model that allocates funds by targeting members sitting on key Congressional committees, caucuses, and in leadership positions in both chambers. According to the new budgeting model, the FamMedPAC cycle budget allocates funds by committee instead of by member to better align PAC resources with areas of greatest policy need and ensure flexibility to build relationships with new members and respond to rapidly shifting political dynamics.

Summary of Leadership Experience

As the Resident member for the FamMed PAC Advisory Board, it has been a privilege to be able to work with a group of passionate and informed family physicians from across the country ensuring the legislative priorities of the AAFP and its members are adequately represented in the U.S. legislature through the strategic and bipartisan support of pro-medicine candidates and the continued advocacy efforts for patients and the medical profession. I have learned so much from this opportunity including how to be an effective advocate at any level of government, the principles of fundraising, and how to critically analyze individual candidate legislative positions and health policy. I would encourage any



medical student, resident, or fellow who has any interest in learning more about advocacy and the dynamic influence of PACs in the political sphere to please consider applying for this position as this opportunity will only enhance your skill set as a physician in advocating for your patients, profession, and community.