

Secondary committees in the House are:

- Budget
- Judiciary
- Rules

Key committees in the Senate are:

- Finance
- Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)
- Appropriations

Secondary Senate committees are

- Budget
- Commerce, Science and Transportation
- Judiciary

Contribution amounts are based on which committee a Member serves, his or her leadership position on the committee, and whether or not the Member also serves on the healthcare subcommittee of the committee.

Lobbying Targets/Relationship to AAFP

Occasionally, FamMedPAC will need to consider making contributions to those candidates (again, primarily sitting Senators and Representatives) AAFP needs to gain access to in order to promote our legislative and regulatory agenda. These will generally be for members of the leadership or key committees and are designed to “get a foot in the door” and to make them aware of AAFP’s positions on the issues. In those cases, the candidate may not have been a supporter on all AAFP issues but is recommended for a contribution because there is reason to believe he/she may nonetheless be helpful to AAFP on a specific issue in the future.

The relationship a candidate, Senator or Representative has with AAFP leadership, staff and other AAFP members is another factor to consider when evaluating contribution requests. If a candidate has a good relationship with someone associated with AAFP, he or she is more likely to take the time to listen to AAFP’s position on a particular issue. Although FamMedPAC will want to direct most contributions to candidates, Senators, and Representatives who have shown concrete support for AAFP’s priorities, a special relationship with AAFP can be an important factor in considering a contribution request.

In addition, those Senators and Representatives who do not serve on a key or secondary committee but who support AAFP’s legislative agenda, through co-sponsoring legislation, participating in press conferences, hosting meetings for AAFP members, etc., should also be eligible for FamMedPAC contributions.

U.S. Senate

FamMedPAC will make contributions only to those Senators up for reelection in 2016, to Senate Leadership, and to Chairmen and Ranking Members of Key and Secondary Committees. The FamMedPAC Board will consider out-of cycle contributions to non-Leadership and non-Committee Chairs/Ranking Members on a case-by-case basis.

Difficulty of Race

As we move through the election cycle, the difficulty of a candidate’s or legislator’s election or re-election campaign will become an important factor in determining if FamMedPAC directs a contribution to that campaign. FamMedPAC can have a greater impact by making contributions to those candidates