The American Academy of Family Physicians urges Representatives to join the bipartisan Congressional Primary Care Caucus.

**The Congressional Primary Care Caucus** was established in 2015 by Reps. Joe Courtney (D-CT) and David Rouzer (R-NC) and is focused on advancing critical legislation that strengthens our nation’s primary care system.

By 2033, we project a shortage of primary care physicians of between 21,400 and 55,200. 

In addition to advancing legislation, the goal of the Caucus in the 117th Congress is to educate members of Congress and their staff on critical primary care issues and advocate for:

- Strategies to address the primary care physician workforce shortage, especially in underserved and rural communities
- Strengthening telehealth services in the primary care setting
- Steps to harmonize value-based care and quality improvement efforts among different payers
- Research on the value of primary care and its role in pandemic preparedness and improving health equity.

Advancing primary care includes efforts that are comprehensive of delivery systems, connected to other health and community services, equitable to all, and mindful of socioeconomic factors that may hinder access to primary care.

To view the current membership list, please visit our [website](http://aafp.org).

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