



February 15, 2017

The Honorable Pete Olson
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dave Loebsack
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Olson and Loebsack:

On behalf of the 124,900 members of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), I write to support the *National Clinical Care Commission Act (H.R. 309)*.

The AAFP is pleased to support HR 309 because it will establish an expert review commission to improve prevention and treatment standards associated with complex metabolic, autoimmune, and insulin resistant diseases. We are concerned about the growing number of patients diagnosed with diabetes and about the co-occurring conditions associated with metabolic conditions. Family physicians play a valuable role in the evidence-based prevention, early intervention, and treatment for many of these patients. We know the burden the disease can cause patients and their families. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 29.1 million individuals, or 9.3 percent of the U.S. population, have diabetes. Close to one quarter (27 percent) are undiagnosed. Eighty-six million Americans have insulin resistance or prediabetes.

The AAFP is pleased the Commission will convene a diverse group of government and non-governmental experts, including primary care physicians. The commission may wish to include a focus on patients with multiple chronic conditions and strategies for improving behavior change.

Again, we are pleased to support this legislation. For more information, please contact Sonya Clay, Government Relations Representative, at 202-232-9033 or sclay@aafp.org.

Sincerely,

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