

## **Sample Emails to Your Congresspersons**

### **For FY18 Funding Requests**

Dear Rep./Sen. XXX,

I am a preventive medicine physician from (city, state), and I ask that you allocate \$12 million in FY 2018 to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to maintain funding for preventive medicine residency training programs.

Unfortunately, preventive medicine residents do not qualify for Medicare graduate medical education (GME) payments as they do not train in the traditional teaching hospital environment. Preventive medicine physicians train in community settings where they advance population health by implementing disease prevention and health promotion programs that address the social determinants of health. Preventive medicine residency program directors recently reported the highest number of applications ever recorded. Unfortunately, they are unable to tap into this increased interest without the additional resources required to cover residency training costs. In (state), only (#) out of (#) training slots were able to be filled because of lack of funding.

The patients and populations served by the specialty of Preventive Medicine need your help. Please ensure funding for preventive medicine residency training programs in FY 2018.

Sincerely,

### **Request for Dear Colleague Signatories**

Dear Rep./Sen. XXX,

I am a preventive medicine physician from (city, state), and I ask that you sign the Dear Colleague letter circulated by Rep. X and Sen. Y requesting an allocation of \$12 million in FY 2018 to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to maintain funding for preventive medicine residency training programs.

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