



American College of Preventive Medicine

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The Honorable Tom Price
100 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Price,

The American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) congratulates you on your nomination to be the nation's next Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Your unique experience in medicine, as well as state and federal policy making, positions you well to address the pressing challenges that face our future health system.

ACPM represents more than 2,500 preventive medicine physicians who focus on preventing disease and promoting health among individuals and populations. In today's healthcare environment, the tools, resources, and expertise provided by preventive medicine physicians play an integral role in ensuring the effective functioning of our nation's public health system. These tools and skills include the ability to deliver evidence-based clinical preventive services, expertise in population-based health sciences, and knowledge of the social and behavioral determinants of health and disease. These are the tools employed by preventive medicine physicians who practice at the health system level where improving the health of populations, enhancing access to quality care, and reducing the costs of medical care are paramount.

Given the specialty's focus on disease prevention and health promotion, ACPM has been actively working to identify and advance policies that support prevention and wellness in clinical and community settings. Also, we have worked to support measures that promote expansion of the preventive medicine training pipeline, as preventive medicine residents are among the only residents who do not qualify for Medicare graduate medical education (GME) payments.

We look forward to working with you to prioritize the advancement of disease prevention and health promotion policy across the health system and stand prepared to offer our expertise as you work to realign the financial incentives in our health care system to improve quality, reward prevention, and control costs. Please feel free to contact us directly or Paul Bonta, ACPM associate executive director of policy, advocacy and external affairs, at pbonta@acpm.org should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Daniel S. Blumenthal' and the second is 'Regan A. Stiegmann'.

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