

## **Cosponsor H.R. 2256, the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2021**

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### **Cosponsor H.R. 2256, the Bipartisan “Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2021”, Legislation to Tackle the Growing Physician Shortfall**

**Reps. Terri A. Sewell, John Katko, Thomas R. Suozzi, and Rodney Davis**

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Dear Colleague,

We invite you to cosponsor H.R. 2256, the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2021. Our bipartisan legislation would help alleviate the physician shortage by phasing in a total of 14,000 new residency slots over seven years.

Our Nation's healthcare system is facing a projected shortage of up to 139,000 physicians by 2033. As our population grows older and the risk of physician burnout grows, the demand for physicians and other medical professionals will only increase. The COVID-19 pandemic has only made matters worse by stressing our Nation's health care system in unprecedented ways, underscoring the urgent need to lift outdated caps on the number of reimbursable residency slots for teaching hospitals.

Teaching hospitals and academic medical centers rely on support from Medicare's Graduate Medical Education (GME) program to train physicians. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 calculated direct graduate medical education (DGME) and indirect medical education (IME) payments based on the number of trainees in 1996 and capped the number of residency slots accordingly. Training physicians has long been

the shared responsibility of medical schools, teaching hospitals, and the Medicare GME program, but this cap on residency slots limits our ability to keep pace with demand in the healthcare system today.

Congress needs to fix this bottleneck in our Nation's physician training pipeline by increasing the number of available residency slots. This is why we urge your support of the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act, which would add 2,000 new GME residency slots per year between 2023-2029. Additionally, our legislation requires the Comptroller General to conduct a study and analysis on strategies for increasing the number of health professionals from rural, lower income, and underrepresented minority communities.

To cosponsor the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2021, fill out this [FORM](#).

If you need additional information about the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2021, please contact:

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