

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Dr. Nasca,

Thank you for convening a gathering of medical and health professional stakeholders to discuss nutrition education in March 2023. That summit helped to provide further evidence of the need for expanded access to nutrition education. As Members of Congress with a deep interest in expanding access to nutrition education in medical training, we write to follow-up on that gathering and to learn more about ACGME's plans for implementing the lessons learned.

As you are aware, the bipartisan House Resolution 1118, which calls for meaningful nutrition education in all phases of medical training, was adopted by the U.S. House of Representatives in May 2022. That same need was highlighted by the White House in their 2022 National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, & Health that cast a spotlight on the inadequacy of nutrition education in medicine and the resulting lack of preparedness of physicians to address the growing burden of diet-related disease. In November 2023, the Bipartisan Policy Center issued a similar finding, with the recommendation that metrics of nutrition preparedness in both undergraduate and graduate medical education be publicly reported by 2025.

Given the lessons learned at the summit and subsequent conversations on this topic, we were surprised to learn that ACGME recently issued new program requirements for training in Pediatrics that include no requirements for training in nutrition. We are interested to learn why the ACGME did not take this opportunity to meaningfully expand access to nutrition education.

Additionally, we would like to inquire about future updates to the Common Program Requirements that the ACGME establishes for graduate medical education. Given the fact that poor quality diet is the leading risk factor for death in this United States, we

respectfully ask that you consider adding a requirement for nutrition education to the Common Program Requirements.

We would also like to begin a discussion on how the medical preparedness of physicians in training to address diet-related disease could be measured and publicly reported, in line with the Bipartisan Policy Center's findings referenced above.

We welcome your response to this letter and would like to invite you for another meeting to continue this important conversation.

Sincerely,



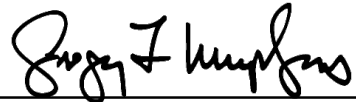
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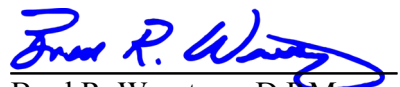
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