

Congress of the United States
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Please Join the Congressional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Caucus

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to become a member of the EMS Caucus, which educates and promotes the important functions of emergency medical services and works to improve the ability of EMS practitioners to provide life-saving medical care in emergencies, cost-saving care management in non-emergent situations, and disaster and tactical response at any time.

EMS practitioners provide immediate, often life-saving medical care to patients before they reach the hospital or other healthcare facility. These practitioners are specially trained to assess patient needs, and with physician oversight, ***navigate patients to the right care, in the right place, and at the right time***. All communities, whether urban, suburban, or rural, deserve access to the high-quality out-of-hospital medical care EMS provides. Unfortunately, a growing number of communities are without access to EMS care.

For example, when people call 911, they expect an ambulance to respond quickly and deliver medical care. But nearly 4.5 million Americans live in what are known as ***ambulance deserts*** and in a medical crisis, they have to wait 25 minutes or even longer for an emergency medical crew to arrive. In medical emergencies, getting EMS practitioners there swiftly can mean the difference between life and death; but with fewer ambulances available to dispatch and fewer EMS professionals to staff them, communities are struggling to meet that need.

The role of EMS is evolving to best meet the needs of the communities they serve, and when necessary, federal policy and funding must evolve to help EMS meet those needs. The EMS Caucus strives to ensure Members and staff have the background, data, and other information needed to make responsible and effective policy decisions. The EMS Caucus brings a disciplined focus on these issues and strives to form a cohesive bipartisan effort to support EMS practitioners of all types nationwide. The EMS Caucus helps promote, educate, and increase awareness around the federal policy issues impacting EMS.

Please join us in supporting this essential public function in the healthcare continuum. For additional information or to join the EMS Caucus, please contact Alex Stepahin in Rep. Hudson's office (Alex.Stepahin@mail.house.gov) or William Seabrook in Rep. Dingell's office (William.Seabrook@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

Rep. Richard Hudson
Member of Congress

Rep. Debbie Dingell
Member of Congress

The EMS Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives brings a disciplined focus on EMS issues and forms a bipartisan message in support for the EMS profession nationwide. The Congressional EMS Caucus helps promote, educate, and increase awareness among decision-makers on the federal EMS policy.

We thank the following members of the U.S. House of Representatives for supporting EMS and participating on the Congressional EMS Caucus.

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