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PAFP applauds House passage of H.R. 625

(HARRISBURG, PA. Sept. 16, 2020) Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) President Tracey Conti, MD today thanked sponsor Rep. Schemel, Majority Leader Benninghoff, Minority Leader Dermody, and the full House for unanimously passing House Resolution 625.

“On behalf of our more than 5,500 physician, resident and student members across the Commonwealth, we thank the leaders and members of the Pennsylvania House for their passage of House Resolution 625,” said Dr. Conti. “Pennsylvania is in desperate need of an increase in primary care physicians over the course of the next decade. The passage of H.R. 625 will be critical in expanding Pennsylvania’s primary care physician workforce.”

Building on the important findings that resulted from a 2015 study on physician shortages in Pennsylvania, H.R. 625 would direct the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study on the efforts of the state’s medical schools to promote primary care among their students and include primary care experiences as part of the curriculum in order to expand the Commonwealth’s primary care workforce. It also attempts to address disparities in populations represented in medicine and increase diversity in those seeking to enter family medicine.

“We look forward to working with the Joint State Government Commission and Pennsylvania’s esteemed medical schools to help build the family physician workforce of tomorrow,” said Conti.

The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation is a physician-led organization committed to advancing quality healthcare through advocacy, education, workforce development and commitment to the patients we serve. For over 70 years and with more than 5,500 physician, resident and student members, the Academy and its Foundation’s core values are visionary leadership, integrity, and community.

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