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In the short time since its formation, the AAFP's political action committee, FamMedPAC, has already been very effective in advocating for issues important to family physicians and the patients we serve. The ability to make donations to Members of Congress has provided a much greater degree of access to tell the story of the value of family medicine and the challenges faced by our specialty. Many issues impacting family medicine are directly affected by congressional action. Among them are Title VII funding for family medicine residency programs, funding to support EHR implementation, and reform of the sustainable growth rate (SGR) Medicare physician payment formula. With the increasing failure of our health care system to meet the health needs of our country, Congress will eventually face the challenge of fundamental health system reform. The AAFP is advocating for the patient-centered personal medical home and our Health Care for All plan.

More information is available and contributions can be made at the FamMedPAC website, www.fammedpac.org. Contributions of any amount are appreciated and recognition provided by the level of donation. Club George is the recognition given to donors who give \$1/day, \$365 for the calendar year: one dollar a day to support the political efforts of your specialty Academy.

As your Washington Academy FamMedPAC champion, I encourage you to support the important work of the PAC with your donation. I challenge you to join me in this important cause. For donations pledged by August 31st, 2007, Anne and I will match donations of \$100 or more with \$25, and will match Club George donations with \$50. (The small print: up to the personal PAC calendar year contribution limit of \$5,000, as specified by the Federal Elections Commission.) Please support us in supporting FamMedPAC!