



NeurosurgeryPAC

Annual Report: 2024

A Message from The Chair

Dear Colleagues,

As we reflect on 2024, I want to begin by thanking each of you who chose to support NeurosurgeryPAC this year. Your contribution—whether financial, strategic, or through time and leadership—made a difference at a time when political engagement has never felt more challenging, or more necessary.

We are in a moment of transition, within our PAC and the broader advocacy environment. This year brought changes in leadership, staffing, and structure alongside questions and frustration about the value of advocacy when gridlock dominates Washington. While we feel that too, our mission hasn't changed. NeurosurgeryPAC exists to ensure neurosurgeons have a voice in federal policymaking, and a seat at the table when decisions are made about our profession and our patients.



It would be easy to sugarcoat where we are, but we owe each other and the future of this PAC, to be honest. Participation remains too low, and year-to-year giving is inconsistent. Despite passionate efforts from our PAC leadership and AANS staff, our ability to grow and sustain political engagement is limited without neurosurgical leaders at every level making the commitment to lead by example.

The reality is this: "PACs don't move on their own. They're propelled by culture. And culture is set at the top."

NeurosurgeryPAC is proudly bipartisan. Our sole focus is supporting federal policymakers who stand with neurosurgeons and the patients we serve—regardless of party affiliation. We advocate for smart, evidence-based policy solutions in six core areas: reducing administrative burdens, securing fair reimbursement, increasing workforce supply, expanding research funding, improving competition, and reforming medical liability. These are not red or blue priorities. They are neurosurgery's priorities.

I believe in this PAC and the people behind it. If we want to see it grow, it will take more than belief. It will take action. I hope you'll join us—renew your support, share your voice, and help us build the advocacy engine neurosurgery deserves.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Blumenfeld', written in a cursive style.

Kenneth S. Blumenfeld, MD, FAANS
Chair
NeurosurgeryPAC

Overview

ESTABLISHED IN

2005

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
OF AANS

DIRECT CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTIONS

DEMONSTRATE
BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

NeurosurgeryPAC is the political action committee of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and serves as the cornerstone of our federal advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C. Its mission is clear and essential: to empower neurosurgeons to shape the policies that impact our profession and our patients by supporting candidates for federal office who champion our legislative priorities.

Through voluntary contributions from AANS members, NeurosurgeryPAC helps elect and reelect members of the U.S. House and Senate—Democrats and Republicans alike—who understand the critical role of neurosurgery in our health care system. The PAC evaluates candidates based on their policy record, leadership roles, and their commitment to the issues that matter most to neurosurgeons, such as fair reimbursement, reducing regulatory burdens, and more.

NeurosurgeryPAC is strictly nonpartisan. It does not base contributions on party affiliation, but on alignment with the specialty's priorities and a candidate's potential to influence key health care legislation. In a political environment where access and influence matter, NeurosurgeryPAC ensures that neurosurgery has a seat at the table—not on the sidelines.



Reduce
Administrative
Burdens



Champion Fair
Reimbursement



Improve
Competition in
Health Care



Increase
Neurosurgery
Workforce



Boost Research
Funding



Advance Medical
Liability Reform

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2024 NeurosurgeryPAC Summary

Contribution Highlights

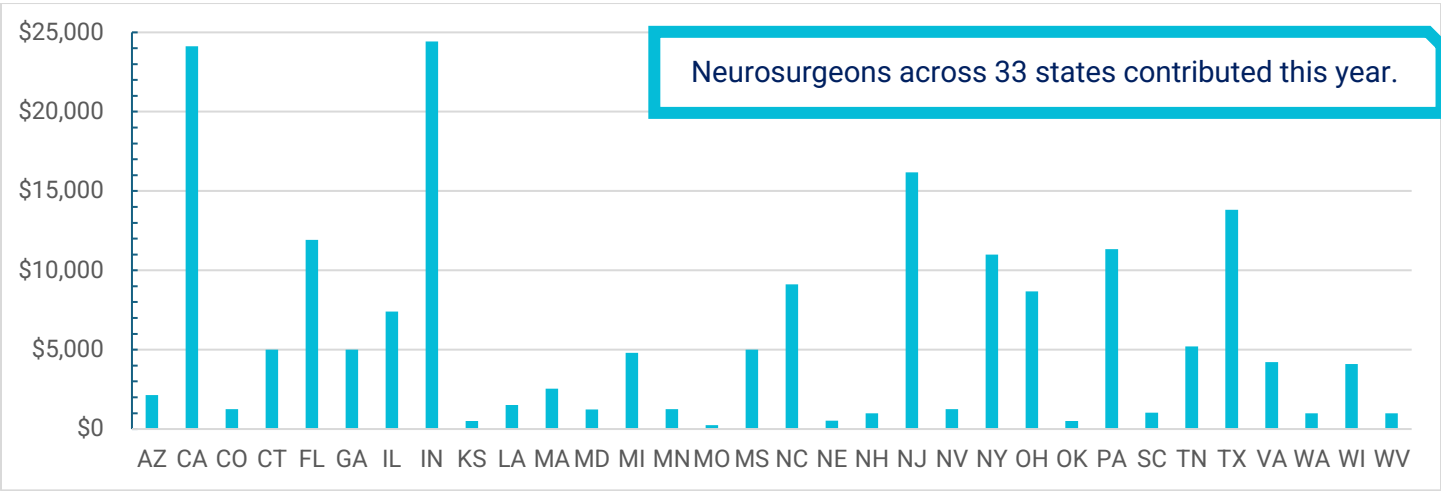
Money Raised in 2024	\$189,546
Money Disbursed in 2024	\$162,181

Notable Contributions

Capital Club: \$5,000 and up	6 individuals and 2 neurosurgical practices
President’s Club: \$2,500 – \$4,999	24 individuals
Platinum Club: \$1,000 – \$2,499	46 individuals
Average Contribution	\$1,154

Leibrock State Leadership Award

Winner by Contributions	Indiana – \$24,418.70
Runner-up by Contributions	California – \$24,131.70
Winner by Percentage of Participation	Indiana – 16.7%
Runner-up by Percentage of Participation	New Jersey – 8.15%
Close tie	Nevada – 8%



Breakdown of Support by Party

90 candidates for office in US Congress	
Democrat	49%
Republican	51%

2024 NeurosurgeryPAC Members

Capital Club — \$5,000+

Carolina Neurosurgery & Spine Association
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President's Club — \$2,500 to \$4,999

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Praveen Reddy, MD, FAANS
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Joshua Rosenow, MD, FACS, FAANS
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Gold Club— \$500 to \$999

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Silver Club — up to \$499.99

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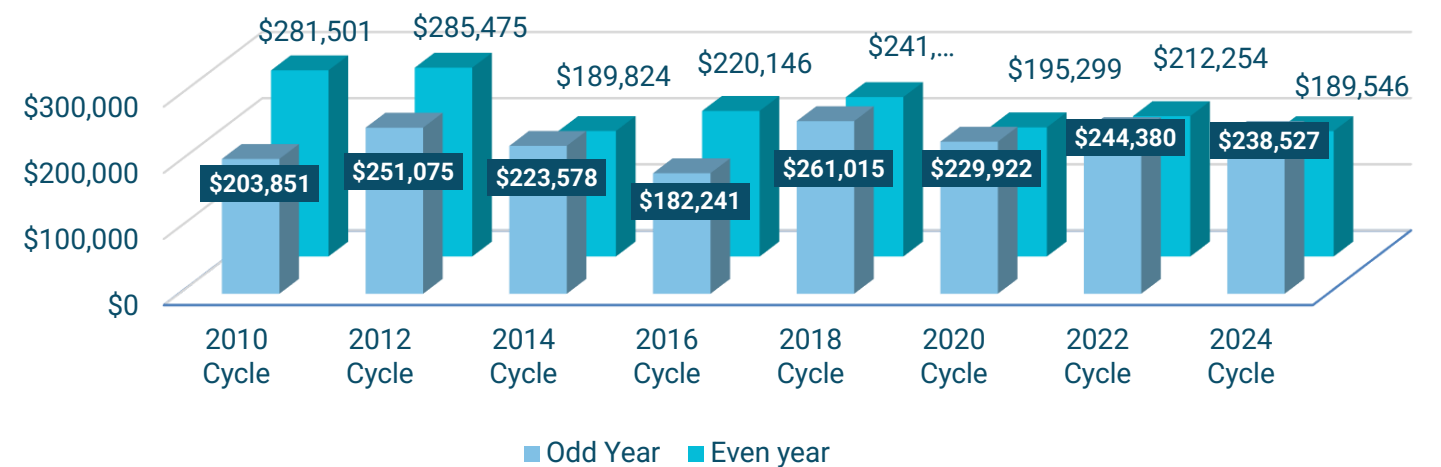
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2024 Election Cycle Contributions

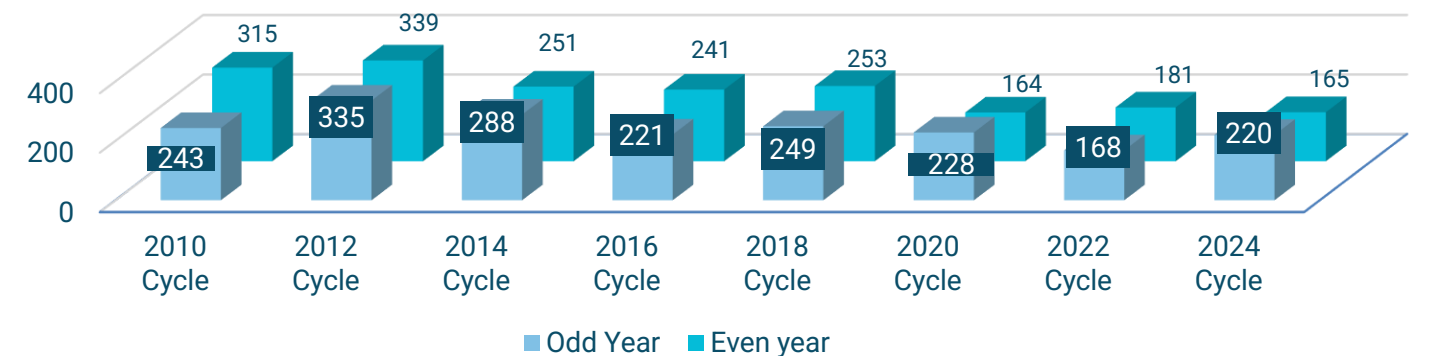
The PAC has raised \$189,546 from 165 neurosurgeons. The PAC bank balance ended at \$82,236.04. The PAC endeavors to raise \$500,000 per cycle (\$250,000 per year), a goal only met twice in the past seven election cycles.

2-Year Cycle	Total Raised
2010	\$485,352
2012	\$536,550
2014	\$413,402
2016	\$401,387
2018	\$502,079
2020	\$425,221
2022	\$456,634
2024	\$428,073

A more detailed breakdown is provided in the chart below.



The number of contributors is provided below.



Neurosurgeons in Action

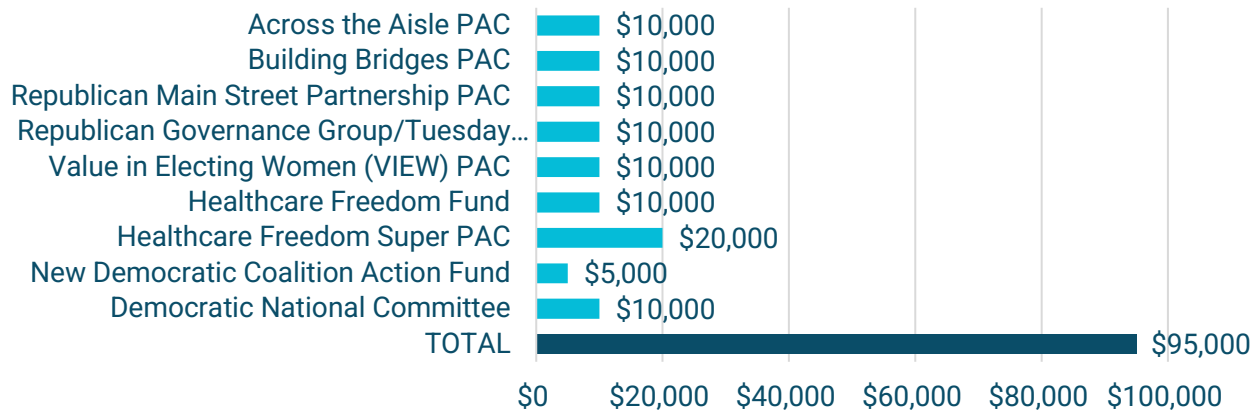
Based on the generosity of our contributors, NeursurgeryPAC was able to participate in the following events for Senate and House candidates.

Rep. Brian Babin, DDS (R-Texas)
Rep. Don Bacon (R-Neb.)
Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-Calif.)
Sen. John Barrasso, MD (R-Wyo.)
Rep. Ami Bera, MD (D-Calif.)
Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.)
Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.)
Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.)
Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-Del.)
Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-Pa.)
Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)
Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.)
Rep. Larry Bucshon, MD (R-Ind.)
Rep. Michael Burgess, MD (R-Texas)
Rep. Yadira Caraveo, MD (D-Colo.)
Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-Calif.)
Rep. Buddy Carter (R-Ga.)
Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.)
Sen. Bill Cassidy, MD (R-La.)
Rep. Kathy Castor (D-Fla.)
Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.)
H. Cand. Mary Ann Contogiannis, MD (R-N.C.)
Rep. Lou Correa (D-Calif.)
Rep. Angie Craig (D-Minn.)
Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah)
Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.)
Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.)
Rep. Neal Dunn, MD (R-Fla.)
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Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.)
Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-Texas)
Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.)
Rep. Mark Green, MD (R-Tenn.)
Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-Va.)
Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-Ky.)
Rep. Brian Higgins (D-N.Y.)
H. Cand. Kyle Hill (D-N.Y.)
Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.)
Rep. Richard Hudson (R-N.C.)
Rep. John Joyce, MD (R-Pa.)
Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.)

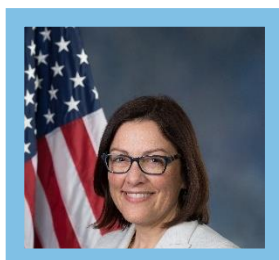
Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.)
Rep. Robin Kelly (D-Ill.)
Rep. Annie Kuster (D-N.H.)
Rep. Darin LaHood (R-Ill.)
Sen. Roger Marshall, MD (R-Kan.)
Rep. Doris Matsui (D-Calif.)
Rep. Rich McCormick, MD (R-Ga.)
Rep. Dan Meuser (R-Pa.)
Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeke, MD (R-Iowa)
Rep. Blake Moore (R-Utah)
Rep. Greg Murphy, MD (R-N.C.)
Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.)
Rep. Richard Neal (D-Mass.)
Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-Calif.)
H. Cand. Bob Onder, MD (R-Mo.)
Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.)
Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.)
Rep. Scott Peters (D-Calif.)
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.)
Rep. Deborah Ross (D-N.C.)
Rep. Raul Ruiz, MD (D-Calif.)
Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-Calif.)
Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.)
Rep. Kim Schrier, MD (D-Wash.)
Rep. Brad Schneider (D-Ill.)
Rep. Pete Sessions (R-Texas)
Rep. Terri Sewell (D-Ala.)
H. Cand. Amish Shah, MD (D-Ariz.)
Rep. Jason Smith (R-Mo.)
Rep. Darren Soto (D-Fla.)
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Rep. Beth Van Duyne (R-Texas)
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Rep. Brad Wenstrup, DPM (R-Ohio)
Rep. Susan Wild (D-Pa.)

Some additional candidates did not seek re-election and refunded NeurosurgeryPAC including Reps. Dan Kildee (D-Mich.), Derek Kilmer (D-Wash.), and Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.).

NeurosurgeryPAC contributed **\$95,000** to national political party support. The breakdown is as follows:



Spotlight: Legislative Champions



Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.)

Committee Assignments

- Ways and Means Committee

Leadership Positions/Caucuses

- Chair, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

Select Legislative Highlights

- Lead sponsor of the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act
- Cosponsor of Strengthening Medicare for Patients and Providers Act
- Cosponsor of Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act
- Co-lead of annual appropriations for robust funding of NIH research



Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kan.)

Committee Assignments

- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee
 - Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security – *Ranking Member*
- Budget Committee
- Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs

Leadership Positions/Caucuses

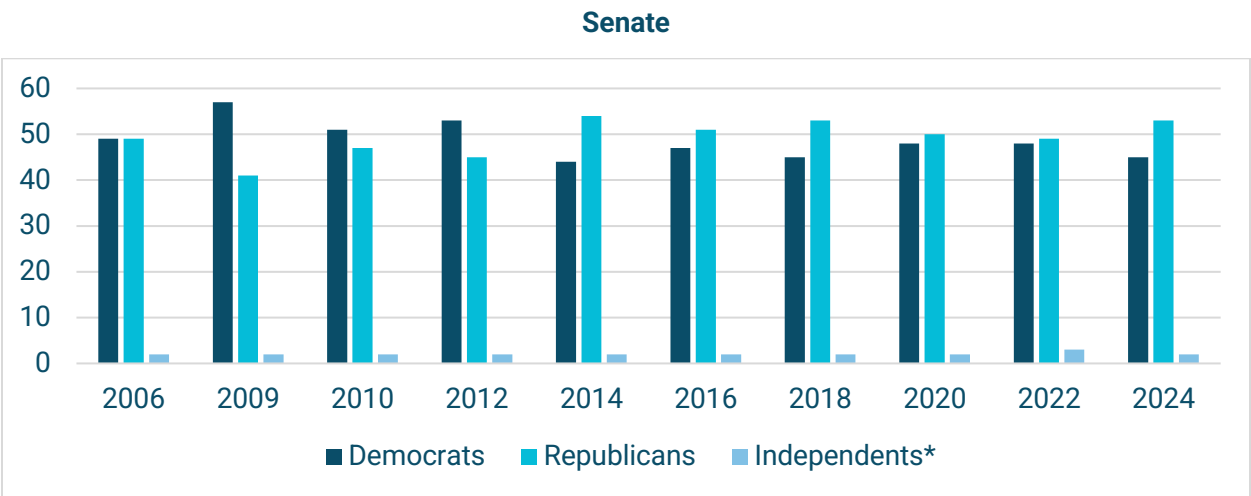
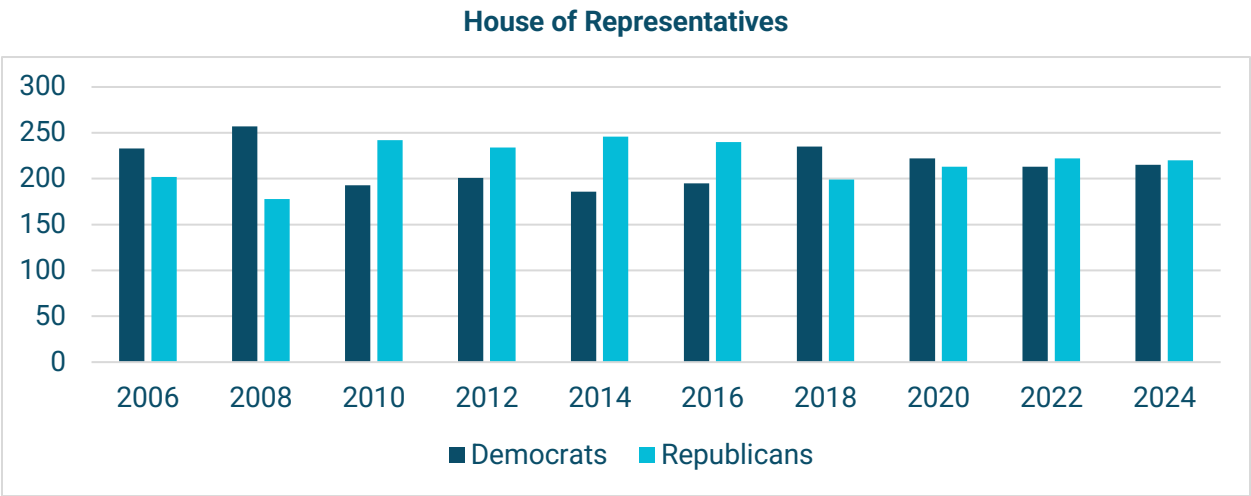
- GOP Doctors Caucus

Select Legislative Highlights

- Lead sponsor of the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act
- Co-lead of the Provider Reimbursement Stability Act of 2023
- Lead sponsor of the Electronic Prior Authorization for Prescription Drugs Act
- Co-lead of the Safe Step Act
- Cosponsor of Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0

2024 Election Results

Republicans took control of the House but by smaller margins than forecast, as voters delivered a mixed verdict in an election shaped by concerns about inflation and by the nation’s divisions on cultural and social issues. The Democrats picked up one seat in the Senate with a win in Pennsylvania and the Republicans netted 10 seats in the House, giving the GOP control (barely) of the House of Representatives. The balance of power following the elections is as follows:



Control of Congress and the White House by Party												
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
House	Rep	Rep	Rep	Rep	Rep	Rep	Dem	Dem	Dem	Dem	Rep	Rep
Senate	Dem	Dem	Rep	Rep	Rep	Rep	Rep	Rep	Dem	Dem	Dem	Rep
White House	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Trump	Trump	Trump	Trump	Biden	Biden	Biden	Trump

Clinicians Serving in the 119th Congress

The 119th Congress includes a growing number of physicians and clinicians who bring firsthand experience in patient care to the policymaking process. Many of these members—both new and returning—have emerged as some of NeurosurgeryPAC’s strongest legislative champions. From leading efforts to reform Medicare payment to supporting GME funding and reducing barriers to specialty care, these clinician lawmakers understand the stakes because they’ve lived them. NeurosurgeryPAC is proud to support a bipartisan group of physician-leaders who share our commitment to protecting the practice of neurosurgery and improving the health care system for patients nationwide. Below is a list of members of Congress and their respective health care profession. Note the “bold” text indicates a new member of Congress.

Senate

John Barrasso, MD (R-WY)

John Boozman, OD (R-AR)

Bill Cassidy, MD (R-LA)

Roger Marshall, MD (R-KS)

Rand Paul, MD (R-KY)

Orthopedic Surgeon

Optometrist

Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist

OB/GYN

Ophthalmologist

House of Representatives

Brian Babin, DDS (R-TX-36)

Sheri Biggs, DNP

Ami Bera, MD (D-CA-07)

Herb Conaway, MD

Buddy Carter, BS Pharm (R-GA-01)

Scott DesJarlais, MD (R-TN-04)

Maxine Dexter, MD (D-OR-03)

Neal Dunn, MD (R-FL-02)

Paul Gosar, DDS (R-AZ-04)

Mark Green, MD (R-TN-07)

Andy Harris, MD (R-MD-01)

Diana Harshbarger, PharmD (R-TN-01)

Ronny Jackson, MD (R-TX-13)

John Joyce, MD, FAAD, FACP (R-PA-13)

Mike Kennedy, MD (R-UT-03)

Jen Kiggans, RN, AGNP (R-VA-02)

Rich McCormick, MD (R-GA-06)

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, MD (R-IA-02)

Kelly Morrison, MD (D-MN-03)

Greg Murphy, MD (R-NC-03)

Bob Onder, MD

Raul Ruiz, MD, MPP, MPH (D-CA-36)

Kim Schrier, MD (D-WA-08)

Mike Simpson, DMD (R-ID-02)

Glenn Thompson, MEd (R-PA-15)

Lauren Underwood, RN (D-IL-14)

Jeff Van Drew, DMD (R-NJ-02)

Dentist

Family and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Internal Medicine Physician

Internal Medicine Physician

Pharmacist

General Medicine

Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician

Urologist

Dentist

Emergency Physician

Obstetric Anesthesiologist

Pharmacist

Emergency Physician

Dermatologist

Family Physician

Geriatric Nurse Practitioner

Emergency Physician

Ophthalmologist

OB-GYN

Urologist

Allergist-Immunologist

Emergency Physician

Pediatrician

Dentist

Rehabilitation Therapist

Registered Nurse

Dentist



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