Dear Fellow ACP Member,

Make your voices heard on Capitol Hill during this year’s ACP Leadership Day!

The 23rd Annual Leadership Day on Capitol Hill will be held on May 20-21 at the Westin Washington D.C. City Center, 1400 M Street, NW, in Washington, D.C.

We need to fight to end the SGR, preserve the 10% primary care bonus, maintain GME funding, and eliminate the hassles and penalties associated with meaningful use.

Leadership Day begins with a workshop and reception on Wednesday and concludes with the congressional visits on Thursday. The initial workshop provides excellent instruction for meeting with your legislators and includes background documents, talking points, and pointers on meeting style. You do not need any prior experience...just a passion for the work you do every day. It is a great networking opportunity and a lot of fun.

We, as members of the American College of Physicians, need to be visible on Capitol Hill in order to influence the course of legislation. The Virginia Chapter has traditionally been one of the strongest and best represented delegations at the meeting and we would again like to achieve our goal of having one constituent from each congressional district attend.

The best part is that the Chapter will provide overnight lodging. The Chapter can only sponsor one attendee from each district which we will do on a first-come, first-served basis. So if you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible. We will also sponsor one resident physician and one medical student from each program in the state.

If you are interested in representing your congressional district, please let me (mailto:wefox@hotmail.com) or our Executive Director, Ann Tennett (astacp@hotmail.com), know as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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