

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

September 12, 2025

Dr. Debra Weinstein  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)  
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Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Dr. Weinstein,

On August 27, 2025, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service and U.S. Department of Education (“the Departments”) announced an initiative urging America’s medical education organizations to implement and embed comprehensive nutrition education and training across multiple facets of U.S. medical education.<sup>1</sup>

In light of the Departments’ announcement, we write to better understand how the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) intends to better incorporate nutrition education and training into U.S. medical education—in accordance with and to support the Departments’ call to implement comprehensive nutrition education reforms—to meet the needs of patients and the American health care system.

As you are likely aware, Congress sent a similar letter to ACGME on April 25, 2024, urging ACGME to take additional steps to better prepare American doctors to screen and treat diet-related disease.<sup>2</sup> This call-to-action was preceded by the bipartisan House Resolution 1118,<sup>3</sup> adopted in May 2022, which called for meaningful nutrition education in all phases of medical training, as well as the White House’s 2022 National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health,<sup>4</sup> which highlighted the inadequacy of nutrition education in medicine and the resulting lack of physician preparedness to address the increasing burden of diet-related disease.

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<sup>1</sup> HHS, “Secretaries Kennedy, McMahon Demand Comprehensive Nutrition Education Reforms” (Aug. 27, 2025), available at <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/hhs-education-nutrition-medical-training-reforms.html>.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. Vern Buchanan, “Buchanan, McGovern Lead Letter Urging Better Nutrition Education at Medical Schools” (April 30, 2024), available at <https://buchanan.house.gov/2024/4/buchanan-mcgovern-lead-letter-urging-better-nutrition-education-at-medical-schools>.

<sup>3</sup> H.Res.1118, “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States recognizes the mounting personal and financial burden of diet-related disease in the United States and calls on medical schools, graduate medical education programs, and other health professional training programs to provide meaningful physician and health professional education on nutrition and diet.”

<sup>4</sup> White House, “Biden-Harris Administration National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health” (Sept. 2022).

Given the long dialogue on this important issue, we are hopeful ACGME has implemented meaningful changes to medical education guidelines that reflect these lessons learned and respectfully request an update on those activities. In addition, we seek feedback on how ACGME has addressed any nutrition-related physician preparedness issues and how preparedness might be measured and publicly reported in the future.

In ACGME's response to Congress on May 13, 2024, ACGME noted the Common Program Requirements would shortly undergo a major revision, and Congress's recommendations would be considered by the Common Program Requirements Task Force. We respectfully ask for an update on the revision to the Common Program Requirements, and how, if applicable, ACGME has incorporated Congress's previous suggestions into this revision.

In order to meaningfully prioritize prevention and reduce the burden of chronic disease in the U.S. health care system, we must ensure U.S. medical students and medical professionals have the proper tools to identify and treat diet-related conditions, as well as educate patients so that they can lead longer, happier, and healthier lives.

We look forward to your response as we work to address chronic illness in America.

Sincerely,



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Vern Buchanan  
Member of Congress



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James P. McGovern  
Member of Congress



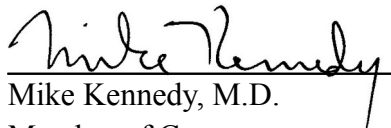
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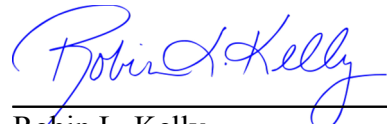
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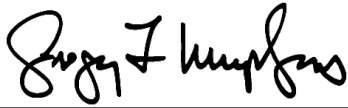
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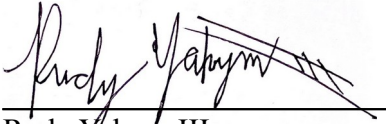
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