

Washington FamilyMedPAC

Report to the 2018 WAFP House of Delegates

The work of the task force that was created to reinvigorate the work of the Washington FamilyMedPAC (FMP) has borne fruit. With amended bylaws and a new board of directors, the FMP expects to resume making contributions to candidates for the Washington Legislature during the 2018 election cycle.

As a House of Delegates attendee, we ask that you make a contribution as well. Your donation will help to ensure that we support a variety of members who will facilitate positive change for family medicine and those who receive care from family physicians.

As a member engaged with the goals and governance of the WAFP, you know the importance of advocacy to the Academy's mission. We generally ask of any member that they contribute \$1.00 for every seat in the WA Legislature or \$147.00. Our intent is to use these dollars so that every member of the legislature in Olympia is a friend of family medicine. After you make your donation, we hope you will encourage your colleagues to donate as well. With more donations, the FMP is better able to support geographically and ideologically diverse candidates.

As of March 31, 2018, FMP received 8 donations from members in Washington State during 2018.

Since its establishment in 2011, FMP has made \$26,500 in contributions to candidates in Washington.

Washington FamilyMedPAC is a nonpartisan entity that uses a very deliberate contribution criteria strategy to identify which candidates to support, based on the organization's legislative and regulatory priorities. These specific criteria identify candidates who have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of issues related to health care delivery, and specifically support issues key to the success of patients' access to primary care and family medicine.

We continue our commitment to make the work of Washington FamilyMedPAC reinforce our relationship with friends in the Washington State House and Senate in a non-partisan, consistent, transparent and cost-effective manner. We welcome member input.

Respectfully submitted,

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