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POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



Last year presented unprecedented challenges for essential hospital leaders. As COVID-19 spread across the nation, our member hospitals leaned into their shared mission of caring for patients, serving their communities, and keeping caregivers safe.

Essential Hospitals Political Action Committee (PAC) rightfully suspended its activities for much of the year following the start of the pandemic. Before the suspension, essential hospital leaders across the association continued to support the

PAC. My sincere gratitude goes out to all our PAC supporters—thank you.

Essential Hospitals PAC is a valuable tool that helps us support our champions in Congress. This support is critical as Congress evaluates further financial and policy support for essential hospitals impacted by the pandemic.

We will continue to use the PAC to make our voice heard on Capitol Hill.

Again, thank you for your support!

**Patrick Cawley, MD**  
Board Chair, Essential Hospitals PAC  
CEO, MUSC Health

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# 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

Essential hospitals shouldered the brunt of the pandemic in 2020 while operating under increasingly strained financial circumstances. As the pandemic progressed, America's Essential Hospitals continued to advocate for and secure needed resources to ensure our member hospitals could weather this public health crisis and have a more stable financial future.

The association had several significant advocacy victories in 2020, including:

- ◆ eliminating \$4 billion of disproportionate share hospital cuts and delaying remaining cuts for three years;
- ◆ protecting the 340B Drug Pricing Program;
- ◆ securing \$178 billion for the COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund, bipartisan support for targeted payments to safety-net providers, and favorable revisions to terms and conditions for accepting these payments;
- ◆ extending the 2 percent Medicare sequester cut;
- ◆ securing additional flexibility for providers taking loans in the Medicare Advance and Accelerated Payment programs;
- ◆ expanding coverage for telehealth services;

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Essential Hospitals PAC raised \$47,913 in 2020, nearly meeting its \$50,000 annual goal despite pausing fundraising for most of the year.
- ◆ Essential Hospitals PAC contributed \$30,500 to 30 candidates in 2020, including:
  - ◆ \$16,500 to 16 Democrat candidates; and
  - ◆ \$14,000 to 14 Republican candidates.
- ◆ extending eligibility for the COVID-19 employer retention tax credit to public hospitals; and
- ◆ securing Medicare funding for 1,000 new graduate medical education residency slots.
- ◆ winning a balanced payment solution to surprise medical bills without a government-set benchmark payment rate for out-of-network care.

America's Essential Hospitals continues to work with leaders on Capitol Hill to ensure our member hospitals have access to needed resources to battle COVID-19 and keep the health care safety net intact.

Essential Hospitals PAC focuses on supporting candidates who share our priorities on these programs and funding streams that matter most to America's Essential Hospitals members:

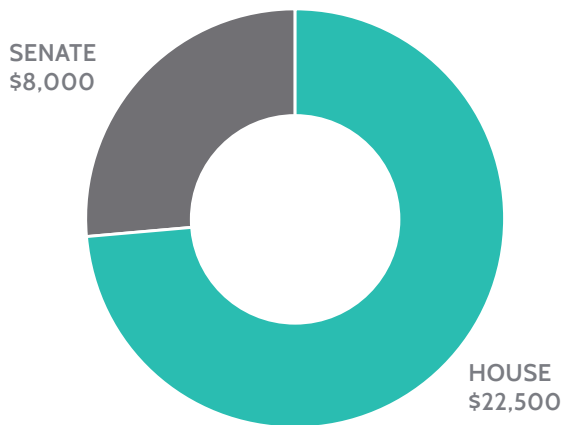
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# SUPPORTING ESSENTIAL HOSPITAL CHAMPIONS

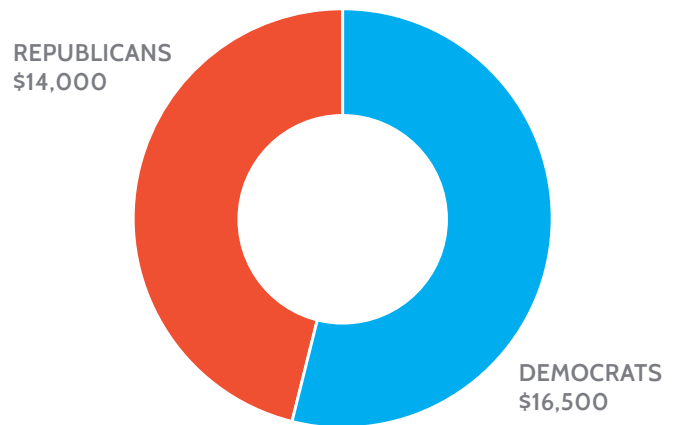
From its inception, Essential Hospitals PAC has established practical criteria for distributing financial contributions to incumbent congressional candidates. These methods are approved annually by the PAC board of directors. The PAC prioritizes congressional candidates who:

- ◆ serve on a congressional committee that oversees essential hospital advocacy priorities;
- ◆ hold a leadership position in the House and Senate;
- ◆ champion essential hospital advocacy priorities;
- ◆ represent essential hospitals in their state or congressional district; or
- ◆ have a competitive race and need financial support.

HOUSE VERSUS SENATE



REPUBLICANS VERSUS DEMOCRATS



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## ABOUT ESSENTIAL HOSPITALS PAC

Essential Hospitals PAC is a voluntary, nonpartisan entity that provides opportunities for staff of America's Essential Hospitals members to participate and engage in the political process. Federal law allows Essential Hospitals PAC to communicate with and solicit eligible employees of association members.

The mission of Essential Hospitals PAC is to support congressional candidates who champion policies that improve access to the high-quality health care provided by essential hospitals. Through Essential Hospitals PAC, donors demonstrate their commitment to the ongoing service of federal lawmakers who support essential hospitals and the patients and communities they serve.

*Please note: Contributions or gifts to the America's Essential Hospitals Political Action Committee (Essential Hospitals PAC) are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Participation in the Essential Hospitals PAC is voluntary. You have the right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. The suggested contribution amounts are only suggestions. You have the right to contribute more or less than the suggested amount and the amount contributed, or the refusal to contribute, will not benefit or disadvantage you in any way. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. The Essential Hospitals PAC uses member contributions to help elect individuals to federal, state and local office who support our organization's goals. Contributions from foreign nationals, corporations, national banks, federally chartered corporations, federal contractors, and labor unions are prohibited. The Essential Hospitals PAC may not accept more than \$5,000 per year from any one contributor.*