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### AAEM Applauds Due Process Bill Proposed by Representatives Marshall and Ruiz

MILWAUKEE — The American Academy of Emergency Medicine applauds Representatives Roger Marshall (R-KS) and Raul Ruiz (D-CA) for taking a decisive, bipartisan step to protect patients and doctors via introduction of H.R. 6910, the Emergency Room Hero and Patient Safety Act. The proposal requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to issue regulations to ensure due process rights for emergency physicians, regardless of employment structure. AAEM has long voiced concerns for the erosion of this constitutionally based and statutorily guaranteed protection, and is proud to stand with these Congressional champions of emergency medicine. This legislation will enable us to be the strongest advocate for patients in all situations without fear of retribution or unjust termination.

As frontline workers in the COVID-19 pandemic, the passage of this legislation is critical for patients and our fellow medical professionals. The Academy is dismayed by reports from around the country of doctors and other healthcare personnel facing repercussions for demanding safety measures to protect patients and physicians. During the pandemic, doctors have lost their jobs for advocating for personal protective equipment (PPE) for their staff or for bringing their own personal protective equipment (PPE) to work because there are insufficient supplies available at their place of work. Before the pandemic, the Academy has advocated for physicians that have been terminated for asking for improved protocols to combat long waiting room times for patients with emergent conditions, and for those that have lost their jobs for questioning schemes that constitute Medicare fraud or other illegal activity.

“AAEM is proud to support Representative Marshall and Representative Ruiz to ensure every emergency physician has medical staff due process rights. There is no greater policy imperative for patient safety and quality care than enacting this due process legislation.” said David A. Farcy, MD FAAEM FCCM, President of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine.

AAEM gives H.R. 6910 our strongest possible endorsement and extends our deepest appreciation to Representatives Marshall and Ruiz for championing this proposal to protect our patients in emergency departments across the country.

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