



American Venous Forum

Promoting venous and lymphatic health

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The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester
The Honorable Larry Bucshon, MD
The Honorable Michael Burgess, MD
The Honorable Paul Tonko
United States House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

RE: The American Venous Forum supports *The Charles Rochester Blood Clot Prevention and Treatment Act (H.R. 5699)*

Dear Members Blunt Rochester, Bucshon, Burgess and Tonko,

The American Venous Forum (AVF) is one of the preeminent professional societies in the US, representing surgeons and other practitioners who provide care to patients suffering from vascular and venous disease throughout the country. Our members regularly treat patients with Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) disease and see, firsthand, the impact that Pulmonary Embolism (PE) and Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) have on patients and their families.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that over 900,000 Americans are diagnosed with Pulmonary Embolism (PE) and Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) each year, which costs the US healthcare system more than \$10B annually. Mortality for PE remains unacceptably high, even if someone survives or is living with chronic DVT, the long-term impact is often debilitating.

The AVF wholeheartedly expresses our support for H.R. 5699 and ask other Members of Congress to sign on to this important piece of legislation that will:

- Authorize CDC funding for public awareness campaigns on the signs and symptoms of PE & DVT
- Gather and report data on incidence, prevalence, mortality, morbidity, and long-term costs
- Encourage best practice sharing between physicians and health systems treating patients suffering from VTE

Sincerely,

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Mark Iafrati,
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