

Subject: S1120-Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Act
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Dear Senator Harkin,

I am writing to you as Executive Director of the Aerospace Medical Association, an organization of approximately 3,000 members most of whom are physicians in the practice of aerospace medicine.

S1120 addresses Federal funding for preventive medicine residency training. We are requesting that your bill be amended to include aerospace medicine residency training as well. (It is my understanding that the American College of Occupational and Environmental Health has made a similar request.) The specialty of preventive medicine includes preventive medicine, occupational medicine, and aerospace medicine. The American Board of Preventive Medicine certifies physicians trained in these three specialties. Specifically, aerospace medicine practitioners are engaged in prevention particularly in relation to aviation safety and wellness. Our patient population includes those in civil aviation, military aviation, and the space program. Consequently, it would be most consistent if S1120 were to include aerospace medicine as a discipline of preventive medicine.

I would urge you to give serious consideration to this request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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