

June 16, 2026

**The Honorable Tom Cole**

Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro**

Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

On behalf of PAD Work Group, we write to thank you for including important report language on peripheral artery disease (PAD) education, screening, and amputation prevention in the FY 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations report.

With more than 21 million Americans affected by PAD and far too many experiencing preventable amputations each year, the Committee's emphasis on improved education, early detection, and coordinated federal engagement is both timely and impactful. The directives to CDC, CMS, and other agencies to advance PAD awareness and explore appropriate screening for high-risk populations represent meaningful steps toward improving patient outcomes and reducing avoidable harm.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue and look forward to working with you to support implementation of these provisions.

Sincerely,

Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders

American Diabetes Association

American Podiatric Medical Association

Association of Black Cardiologists

Outpatient Endovascular and Interventional Society

Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions

Society for Interventional Radiology

Society for Vascular Surgery