

**A MESSAGE FROM DR. PETER JACOBY**

CHAIR OF THE NEMPAC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At this writing, some uncertainty remains in the congressional election results as there are several House races uncalled and two Senate races going to a run-off that will decide which party controls the Senate. We can declare success for emergency medicine's involvement in the elections and give a special thank you to everyone who generously supported NEMPAC in these unprecedented times. You gave emergency medicine a strong voice when it was most needed. NEMPAC had the resources to support more than 230 congressional candidates, all who were carefully vetted by the NEMPAC Board of Trustees.

Many NEMPAC supporters came together (virtually) last month during ACEP20 Unconventional although we missed seeing each other in person. For a moment, things seemed to be "normal" during two events recognizing our generous VIP donors: The 2020 Election Update featuring Charlie Cook and "Raising the Curtain: A Broadway Tribute to NEMPAC VIPs and Heroes." ACEP leadership responded, as they do time and time again, during the annual Council Challenge **raising nearly \$250,000 toward our \$1 million annual goal. 32 Chapters and 17 Sections achieved 100% participation** and the challenge will continue until year-end.

Our ACEP Government Affairs team continues to battle on many fronts including advocating for more resources for you during the pandemic, heading off a 2021 Medicare reimbursement cut, and fighting for the right solution to surprise medical bills. With a new Congress and administration coming in January, we need to be prepared as we anticipate critical emergency medicine issues will be on the legislative front burner. Your support is essential as we help educate the 117th Congress about the realities we are facing on the front lines and to build new and stronger relationships on Capitol Hill.

Thank you! I am hopeful for what the future will bring as we enter a new year and begin to educate and work with the 117th Congress. There is nothing we cannot do together!

**2020 ELECTION UPDATE**

Voters cast their ballots in the first presidential election held during a pandemic in 102 years. No matter which side you were on, we can all agree it has been an emotional rollercoaster. Due to ACEP members' generous contributions, NEMPAC had the resources to support the congressional campaigns of many friends and champions of emergency medicine. NEMPAC does not contribute to presidential or state races per our bylaws.

**U.S. Senate**

Control of the Senate will not be determined until January. The current split is 50 seats for Republicans and 48 for Democrats with two races outstanding. Georgia will have two runoffs for the Senate on January 5, 2021, since none of the candidates received 50% of the vote: Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) vs. Democrat challenger Ralph Warnock; and Sen. David Perdue (R-GA) vs. Democrat challenger John Ossoff. In the event of a 50-50 party split, the Vice President would have the authority to cast any tiebreaking votes.

**U.S. House of Representatives**

Democrats are projected to maintain control of the House, though their margin appears to have narrowed. According to the Associated Press, the House in the 117th Congress currently stands at 222 seats for the Democrats to 205 for the Republicans with 11 races uncalled at this writing. Democrats went into Election Day with a 232-197 House advantage, plus an Independent and five open seats. With some races still undecided, it is possible that Democrats will have the smallest majority in the new Congress since Republicans had 221 seats two decades ago.

**NEMPAC and the 2020 Elections**

NEMPAC donated a total of \$1.65 million to federal candidates, party committees and independent expenditures for friends and champions of emergency medicine on both sides of the aisle. Our giving ratio currently stands at **56% Democrat/44% Republican**.

**House Highlights**

NEMPAC donated \$1,070,500 to 197 House candidates. 172 NEMPAC-supported candidates won their elections and 17 were unsuccessful – seven in their primary races. Seven races have not been called as of this writing, based on AP reports.

NEMPAC supported 21 physician candidates in the general election, including emergency physicians **Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA), Rep. Mark Green (R-TN), Ronny Jackson MD (R-TX), Hiral Tipirneni, MD (D-AZ), and Rich McCormick, MD (R-GA).** Drs. McCormick and Tipirneni were defeated with close margins. **For a complete listing of physician candidates supported by NEMPAC in 2020 and their race outcomes, please [click here](#).**

**Senate Highlights**

NEMPAC contributed \$162,000 to candidates in 22 races. 17 candidates supported by NEMPAC won their elections and the race of Sen. Perdue in Georgia remains undecided and will go to a runoff in January 2021.

NEMPAC supported two physicians running for the Senate who were successful: **Rep. Roger Marshall MD (R-KS)**, who won the seat of retiring Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), and **Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA).**

For more information about the outcomes of NEMPAC-supported candidates in the 2020 elections, please go to the [NEMPAC website](#).

We will provide a more complete NEMPAC election report in January once all votes have been tallied and the remaining races have been called.

**LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK**

Congress returned this week for a "lame-duck session" prior to implementation of the 2020 election results and the swearing in of the 117th Congress on or around January 3 (which falls on a Sunday in 2021). The to-do list for the lame-duck session revolves around spending. In late September, as the fiscal year 2020 came to a close, Congress passed — and Trump signed — a stopgap spending bill that will expire on December 11. Legislators may pass another short-term spending bill to continue funding for the government and avoid a shutdown.

Several priorities for emergency medicine remain in limbo including halting a Medicare reimbursement cut of 6% effective on January 1, 2021; a fair and equitable solution for surprise medical billing that does not threaten the livelihood of emergency physicians and access for patients; and seeking additional relief to continue battling the COVID-19 pandemic including mental health resources for physicians. With the limited timeframe for negotiations on any major issue (the lame-duck session is currently scheduled to conclude on December 10, and Congress will take a break for Thanksgiving as well) action on any of our key priorities is uncertain.

This week, our ACEP Advocacy Team in Washington DC sent out an action alert asking ACEP members to contact their U.S. Senators to ask their support in halting the impending Medicare cuts. To learn more and send your message, [click here](#).

**2020 COUNCIL CHALLENGE UPDATES**

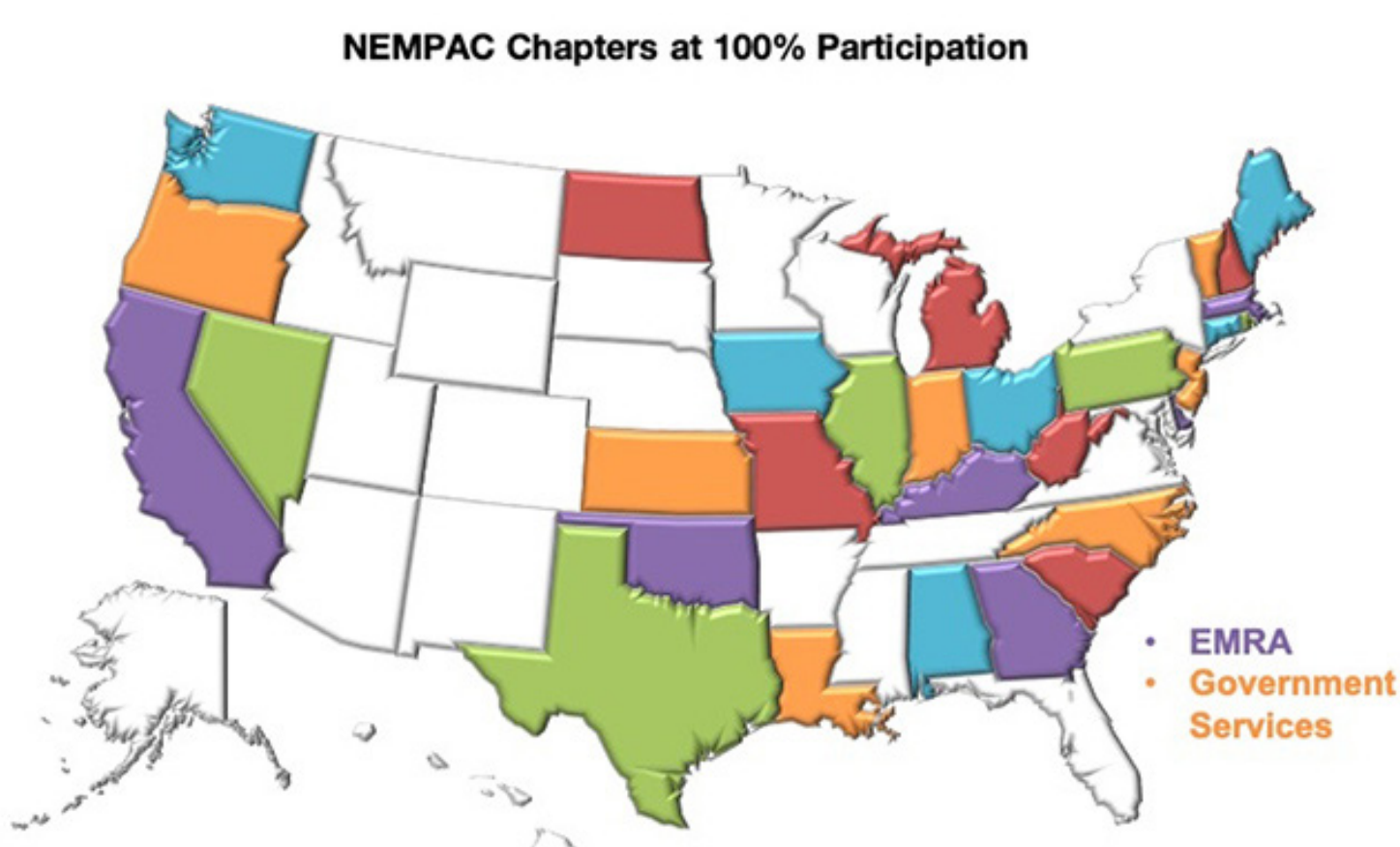
**The NEMPAC Board of Trustees is grateful to all of the Councilors and Alternates who supported the 2020 Council Challenge. Please [click here](#) to watch a special "thank you" video from NEMPAC Chair Dr. Jacoby.** We raised nearly \$250,000 and each one of you made a difference. We know it looked a bit different since we held the challenge virtually but appreciate all the support that NEMPAC received during this unprecedented time. There is still time to reach our goal of 100% participation by all ACEP Councilors and we continue to work toward it by year end.

32 Chapters are currently at 100% participation as designated map below. 17 sections reached 100% participation as well.

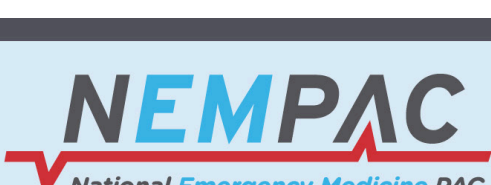
The Emergency Medicine Resident Association (EMRA) chapter was the first to reach 100% and all EMRA Councilors donated at the Give-a-Shift level! They will all be receiving our exclusive "I Give-a-Shift" t-shirts for their efforts! Within the Council, there are 181 Give-a-Shift donors, which is 35% of all donors. We had 88 new donors come on board during the Challenge with 21 giving at the Give-a-Shift level! We hope to increase these numbers by year end.

The 117th Congress will start work in January with more than 60 new members. It is critical that we have the resources to continue to support our friends and allies and educate these new members about issues facing emergency medicine and patients. [Please join your ACEP colleagues and make a donation to NEMPAC before December 31 by donating online.](#)

**NEMPAC Chapters at 100% Participation**



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