The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) will host its annual advocacy day, COM Day on Capitol Hill (#COMDAY17), on Wednesday, March 8. Osteopathic medical school deans, students, and other advocates will speak with their legislators about federal policies that impact graduate student debt and the nation’s future physician workforce. **While you may not be in Washington, DC, you can make your voice heard in the halls of Congress by participating via social media in AACOM’s 2017 Virtual Hill Day!**

**Join ED to MED today** to speak up now! Congress must hear from medical students, educators, and other advocates to protect the financial health of the future physician workforce.

### How Can I Participate?

**Become an Advocate:** Share Your Story
Use #COMDAY17 on your favorite social media platform to advocate for policies that support the future physician workforce. Use AACOM’s [Advocacy Toolkit](#) to get started.

**Raise Your Voice:** Contact Your Members of Congress
Visit the ED to MED website to contact your federal policymakers. Consider sending them an email or a message on social media to advocate for issues of importance to medical education!

### #COMDAY17 Social Media Pro Tips

**Represent:** Graduate and professional students are underrepresented in conversations about student debt at the national level. Speak up to be represented in important policy decisions.

**Personalize:** Spur action by making a compelling case to policymakers about how student debt impacts your future.

**Leverage Your Networks:** Share your story across social platforms — Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat...etc. You can include #COMDAY17 on these platforms.

**Be Creative:** Illustrate your story by sharing your photo along with your #COMDAY17 message.

**Publicize:** Ensure your profile settings are public to reach the largest audience with your message. As always, remember to represent yourself in a professional light.

To learn more, contact info@edtomed.com.
Join AACOM on March 8 for its annual advocacy day, whether you participate in Washington, DC, or afar on social media! By sharing your personal story with Congress about why medical education matters to the future physician workforce, you ensure that medical and other graduate student issues are at the table during the discussions on the *Higher Education Act*.

**Examples to Get You Started:**

**TWITTER**

[@your Member of Congress]
#Medstudents nationwide support
#gradstudent issues during Higher
Education Act reauth
#COMDAY2017 #EDtoMED

Proud to be advocating for public policies impacting #medstudents!
#COMDAY2017

.@[your Member of Congress]
Make grad student loan debt
a priority on Capitol Hill
#COMDAY2017 #EDtoMED

**FACEBOOK**

Advocating with ED to MED [tag: @edtomed] today urging Congress
to protect the future physician
workforce and financial aid for
medical students! #COMDAY17

Urging Congress to remember
medical students as they consider
legislation impacting financial aid
& the future physician workforce!
#COMDAY17

Join me and other medical students
in helping Congress understand
how policy decisions affect us and
the patients and communities we
will serve during AACOM’s Virtual
Hill Day #COMDAY17!

**SNAPCHAT**

AACOM Virtual Hill Day 2017
Protect the Future Physician Workforce

*Filter only available on March 8
in the Washington, DC area.

**HELPFUL HASHTAGS**

#COMDAY17  AACOM and ED to MED’s hashtag for Virtual Hill Day
#EDtoMED  ACOMGR’s hashtag to help shape policies affecting medical education
#edu  General discussion about education
#futurephysicianworkforce  General discussion about protecting the nation’s future physicians
#meded  Popular hashtag covering general discussion about medical education
#highered  Popular hashtag covering general discussion about higher education