Why Reasons to Support the American College of Rheumatology’s Political Action Committee

1. **RheumPAC works for you!** By investing in RheumPAC, you can be confident that your investment goes towards electing candidates and supporting legislators who are supportive of policies benefitting rheumatology patients and care providers.

2. The insurance industry and pharmaceutical industries spend hundreds of millions of dollars each year on campaign contributions and lobbying the federal government. If ACR and ARHP members do not get active in the PAC, then we cannot expect our message to resonate with the impact necessary to counter the messages from these industries.

3. Many Members of Congress, especially first-term legislators, do not know the ACR or our issues. RheumPAC helps us create relationships with lawmakers and allows us to educate them about who we are, the valuable services we provide in their districts, and how we benefit our patients, physicians, and the healthcare delivery system as a whole.

4. **RheumPAC puts the ‘action’ in political action committee!** ACR members invested over $300,000 to RheumPAC in the last election cycle. As a result, RheumPAC provided $240,000 to 64 candidates for federal office and represented ACR’s policy priorities at over 125 campaign events.

5. RheumPAC allows individuals supportive of rheumatology to join forces with peer medical groups and back candidates who champion the issues critical to physicians, providers, and patients. There is strength in numbers!

**Political Participation, Fundraising and Grassroots Activism Leads to Results.**

**RheumPAC Needs Your Support Now!**