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AAPM Applauds Introduction of Senate Companion to VA Medical Physicist Pay Cap Relief Act

WASHINGTON, DC — The American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) applauds Senators Tim Kaine (D-VA) and John Boozman (R-AR) for introducing Senate companion legislation to [H.R. 3489](#), [the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Physicist Pay Cap Relief Act](#). The bipartisan legislation would remove the restrictive pay cap on VA Therapy and Diagnostic Medical Physicists, which has hindered veterans' access to essential care and worsened staffing shortages at VA medical centers.

The Senate legislation builds on bipartisan momentum in the House, where Representatives Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D-FL) and Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ) reintroduced H.R. 3489 earlier this Congress.

"Medical physicists are essential members of the clinical care team, helping ensure that imaging and radiation treatments are accurate and safe—especially for patients with cancer," said Robin Miller, President of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. "Passing this legislation would help ensure veterans receive the highest-quality radiology and radiation oncology care. We commend Senators Tim Kaine and John Boozman for their leadership and commitment to improving care for veterans nationwide."

AAPM and the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) have endorsed the Senate companion legislation. The bill is also supported by leading veterans service organizations, including the American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Full text of the bill is [available here](#).

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