Fellow SCCEP members,

Last month, more than 50 members of SCCEP gathered together in Columbia for the Annual SCCEP Legislative Day. During the morning lectures, members heard from Bryan Amick, the Deputy Director of the Department of Health and Human Services and Ted Riley, our own SCCEP lobbyist. I gave a talk on how to get involved in advocacy as an emergency physician (which I am happy to speak with any of you about!). Dr. Kelly Johnson from Greenville gave a moving talk on Violence on Healthcare Workers. After the lectures, we then went to the State House and met with our legislators to discuss the current bills that SCCEP is concerned about which are making their way through the Senate and House. I think that our message was well received by the Senators and Representatives that we were able to personally meet with.

After engaging in advocacy on a local and state level, the next step is advocacy at the national level. There isn't a better way to gain insight and experience with this than by attending ACEP’s Leadership and Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC, being held May 5-8, 2019. If you are planning on attending, we are hoping to have a dinner for SCCEP members on either Monday or Tuesday night of the conference. Please email Tara Morrison, our SCCEP Chapter Exec, at tara@theassociationcompany.com to let us know that you will be attending the conference and are interested in joining us for dinner.

If you cannot make it to ACEP's LAC, then we hope to see you at Kiawah in June for our annual Coastal Emergency Medicine Conference hosted by SCCEP, NCCEP, and GCEP. For details, click here.

Lastly, I am hoping to put together an SCCEP Workplace Violence Working group to come up with ideas that we could possibly present to the SCHA to get their support and then even turn into legislation. If you are interested in being a part of this or have experience with this, please contact me at scemdoc@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Christina M. Millhouse, MD, FACEP
SCCEP President
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2019 COASTAL EMERGENCY MEDICINE CONFERENCE
Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16, 2019

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