

PSYCHMD PAC

The Political Voice for Virginia's Psychiatrists

PSYCHMD PAC uses contributions to fund Virginia General Assembly and statewide office candidates who share our goal to foster a better, safer environment for psychiatric and mental care. Richmond has a much greater impact on your practice and patients than D.C. Political contributions allow us to target our message and connect you to important decision- and policy-makers in Richmond. With your support of the PAC, we can achieve our mission by educating legislators and the Administration about our professional concerns.

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PSYCHMD PAC

c/o Commonwealth Strategy Group

118 North 8th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

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Why give to PSYCHMD PAC?

2019 is a pivotal election year in Virginia.

It is a pivotal election year in Virginia. It is not an overstatement to say that it may be one of the most critical elections for the Commonwealth in a generation. All 140 seats in the General Assembly – 100 in the House of Delegates and 40 in the Senate – will be on the ballot. Both chambers are under narrow Republican control, 51-49 in the House of Delegates and 21-19 in the Senate of Virginia.

In 2017, control of the House of Delegates was nearly flipped from Republican to Democrat after a “blue wave” reduced the long-time Republican majority from 66 seats to a slim 51-49 edge. Recent federal court decisions have resulted in a House of Delegates redistricting map imposed by the courts that will likely result in more Democratic seats. Retirements, vacancies, and up-ticket and primary challengers will further shuffle the political deck.

We fully expect control of both chambers to be at stake this election. Your PSV legislative team has a keen eye and finger on the pulse of the political trends, competitive races and key legislators that we should follow and target this year. If either or both chambers flip, we can expect a noticeable shift in policy. If current partisan control is maintained, incumbents will be calculating whether and how to adjust policy goals and positions.

We must be prepared.

In a highly competitive election year like this one, candidates will focus strongly on fundraising. Candidates will notice and appreciate early support as many of them face primary challenges over the summer in addition to a tough general election this fall.

Our PAC is a critical tool in our advocacy program. It allows us to support legislators who are friendly to our profession and issues in the General Assembly. As you know, every year the legislature considers bills that could potentially impact our profession and patients. A strong PAC provides us the opportunity for our voice to be heard by elected officials in the legislature and executive branch. Our PAC enables us to support legislators who support our profession. Our goal is to keep Delegates and Senators who are friendly to our issues in the legislature.

We need your help personally contacting your fellow psychiatrists and supporters. Peer-to-peer outreach is one of the most effective ways to increase contributions to the PAC. Your association staff and lobbyists will provide all the support and tools you need to do this. Your leadership is needed to demonstrate that we are fully engaged and modeling the importance of society members throughout Virginia giving to our PAC.

Please make your contribution now. Given the tough issues and close elections we expect in 2019, we ask that you consider donating a minimum of **\$150.00**.

Make your check payable to PSYCHMD PAC and mail it today to 118 N. 8th Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

Please complete the contribution form on the reverse side and return it with your check. Corporate/practice checks are acceptable. If you prefer, you may make your contribution online at <https://www2.psva.org/forms/PsychMD-PAC.iphtml>

Thank you!