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Vermont Health Care Leaders Present National Awards to Members of Congress

WASHINGTON, DC – March 17, 2016 – Among the thousands of Community Health Center advocates congregating on Capitol Hill this week were representatives from Vermont's Federally Qualified Health Centers and Bi-State Primary Care Association. Advocates came from across the country to meet with their Members of Congress to thank them for their support, inform them about the primary health care needs in their home states, and to ensure every health center in the nation's largest primary health care network remains strong and stable.

Bi-State and the FQHCs presented Sen. Bernie Sanders, Sen. Patrick Leahy and Rep. Peter Welch with Distinguished Community Health Awards from the National Association of Community Health Centers. Vermont's delegation demonstrated their support of FQHCs during the 115th Congress. The FQHCs and other safety-net clinics in Vermont offer access to primary medical, dental and behavioral health care, as well as critical substance abuse treatment programs, to more than 193,000 Vermonters.

Maintaining bipartisan Congressional support for the cost-effective Community Health Center program is critical to the future health of the nation's families and workforce. More than 22 million Americans access primary health care services at their local Community Health Center thanks to the past 50 years of Congressional support.

For more information and to find a Community Health Center in Vermont, visit: www.bistatepca.org.

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ABOUT BI-STATE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

This year, Bi-State Primary Care Association celebrates 30 years of improving access to affordable primary and preventive health care in Vermont and New Hampshire. Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c) 3 charitable organization with offices in Bow, New Hampshire, and Montpelier, Vermont.