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## Awards Presented to Members of Congress for Ensuring Equitable Access to Primary Care

### Vermont Members of Congress



Sen. Patrick Leahy      Sen. Bernie Sanders      Rep. Peter Welch

### New Hampshire Members of Congress



Rep. Ann McLane Kuster      Rep. Chris Pappas      Sen. Maggie Hassan      Sen. Jeanne Shaheen

NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT – March 18, 2022 – [Bi-State Primary Care Association](#) proudly presented Community Health Champion and Health Care Advocate awards this week to the seven Members of Congress representing New Hampshire and Vermont. The awards recognized the Members who led major efforts, and played key roles, in supporting Community Health Centers during the past year. Our New Hampshire and Vermont Community Health Centers demonstrated their strong commitment to the communities they serve through COVID-19-directed efforts in the areas of testing and vaccination since the pandemic began. The health centers are working with patients whose care was delayed due to the pandemic and are providing expanded services to address critical needs like mental health and oral health services.

“We are grateful for the unwavering commitment provided by the Members of Congress serving New Hampshire and Vermont. They worked tirelessly, amplifying their support during the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure all communities and safety-net providers had the resources necessary to support the essential health care and public health services that keep our communities safe.” said Tess Stack Kuenning, Bi-State’s President, and CEO. The [Community Health Center Program](#) ensures equitable access to primary health care for those most in need, regardless of insurance coverage, or ability to pay.

The New Hampshire and Vermont Champion and Advocate Awards were presented to our Members of Congress:

**Vermont:**

Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT)  
Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT)  
Representative Peter Welch (D-VT)

**New Hampshire:**

Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  
Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH)  
Representatives Annie Kuster (D-NH)  
Chris Pappas (D-NH)

[About Bi-State Primary Care Association:](#) Bi-State’s Mission is to advance access to comprehensive primary care services for all, with special emphasis on those most in need in Vermont and New Hampshire. Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization established in 1986 to serve the New Hampshire and Vermont Community Health Centers.

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