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Personal testimony from medical student Ryan Eggers

“This was my first visit to Washington, DC and I was honored to be serving in this capacity. It was very exciting to be part of an organization so integral in the advocacy for patients, physicians, and medical students. I had the opportunity to meet with legislative assistants for Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Representative Jerry Lewis. My colleagues and I discussed the pressing need for increased funding for GME [Graduate Medical Education] positions, the negative effects of the burden of graduate debt on the profession of medicine, and how those shortcomings are ultimately harming the people of our state. The opportunity to represent the medical students of Southern California was an honor. It reinforced in my mind the value of organized medicine and political action, and it convinced me of my future in advocacy for my peers and future patients. I had a fantastic experience in Washington, DC and I am indebted to the San Bernardino County Medical Society for sponsoring my trip, since it would have been impossible without their support.”



Medical students Laura Gephart and Jennian Yi kick up their heels