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*Representative Heather Carter and Senator John McComish Named 2014
Legislative Champions*

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PHOENIX, AZ (February 4, 2014) – The American College of Physicians (ACP) Arizona Chapter have selected Representative Heather Carter and Senator John McComish as their 2014 Legislative Champions. The awards will be presented at the Chapter's fifth annual *Day at the State Legislature* on February 5 at noon in the Arizona Senate Majority Caucus room.

Representative Heather Carter and Senator John McComish are being recognized for their outstanding leadership, demonstrated supported for improved access to quality health care, and commendable voting records on issues of importance to medicine and to patients.

Dr. Anita Murcko, ACP Arizona Chapter's Health and Public Policy Committee Chair said, "Representative Carter and Senator McComish are dedicated policymakers who understand the importance of having a strong health care delivery system. Despite enormous challenges and political pressure, they persevered in support of the Medicaid Restoration and put the needs of patients ahead of politics."

Pete Wertheim, City of Prescott Community and Public Affairs Manager, is also being honored with this year's ACP Arizona Chapter Health Policy Community Enabler Award for sharing his expertise on health policy and the advocacy process over the past five years. Dr. Murcko noted, "With Pete's guidance, our physicians and students are more confident advocates for their patients and profession."

American College of Physicians – Arizona Chapter

The American College of Physicians is the largest medical specialty organization and the second-largest physician group in the United States. ACP members include 133,000 internal medicine physicians (internists) and subspecialists. Internal medicine physicians are specialists in adult medicine--they apply scientific knowledge and clinical expertise to the diagnosis, treatment, and longitudinal care of adults ranging from preventive health to primary and consultative care for those with complex, chronic illness.

The ACP Arizona Chapter is the active voice for more than 2,500 Arizona physicians who collectively work to improve the delivery of health care and the health of the patients they serve.

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