

**Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Information Required From Nongovernmental Witnesses**

House rules require nongovernmental witnesses to provide their resume or biographical sketch prior to testifying. If you do not have a resume or biographical sketch available, please complete this form.

1. **Name:** Barbara Petee
2. **Organization you represent:**  
The Root Cause Coalition / ProMedica
3. **Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee:** 30+ years of health care experience working with myriad community organizations to address the social determinants of health.
4. **Please list any special training, education, or professional experience you have which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee:** See above
5. **If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list the capacity in which you are representing that organization, including any offices or elected positions you hold:**  
The Root Cause Coalition-Executive Director  
ProMedica-Chief Advocacy & Government Relations Officer

**PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM OR YOUR BIOGRAPHY TO EACH COPY OF  
TESTIMONY.**

**Barbara Petee** is the Executive Director of The Root Cause Coalition and also serves as the Chief Advocacy and Government Relations Officer for ProMedica, a non-profit health system based in Toledo, Ohio serving northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

With ProMedica's specific interest and emphasis on community relations and redevelopment, Mrs. Petee is responsible for connecting organizations and agencies in collaborative work so that the mission of ProMedica – to ensure health and well-being for all– is achieved. With the health system's commitment to addressing the social determinants of health, Ms. Petee's work is currently focused on building awareness of and addressing hunger as a health issue, as well as the role the health care industry must play in helping ensure all individuals have access to affordable, healthy food.

Guided by Mrs. Petee since 2006, ProMedica's work in this area has been used as a model within the industry and hailed among other NGOs as groundbreaking for health systems. In October of 2015, ProMedica and the AARP Foundation partnered to form The Root Cause Coalition, a national coalition focused on bringing a stronger and broader emphasis on addressing hunger as a public health issue. Many national, state and local organizations have joined The Coalition and together the group is developing a national framework to the issue through education, advocacy and research.

Mrs. Petee has held numerous roles in her 30-year tenure with ProMedica, including Chief Communications and Public Affairs Officer. She serves on many local, regional and national boards and committees, including serving as a board member of the Alliance to End Hunger, an affiliate of Bread for the World, based in Washington D.C.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Mrs. Petee has been married to her husband, Tim, for 25 years and they have two children.