Thank you, 2021 NeurosurgeryPAC contributors!

Dear NeurosurgeryPAC Contributors,

Thank you for supporting your political action committee in 2021. While many neurosurgical practices continued to face financial pressures, and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons pivoted to a virtual annual meeting limiting our ability to raise funds, because of your participation and generosity, NeurosurgeryPAC experienced a 20 percent increase in contributions!

Armed with these resources, organized neurosurgery strategically targeted its contributions to support candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives from across the political spectrum who helped advance the specialty’s health care policy objectives. While in-person meetings and fundraisers were limited, we adjusted to the virtual world. We participated in an unprecedented number of events via Zoom and other platforms allowing neurosurgery to make significant strides in accomplishing its legislative and regulatory agenda.

As neurosurgical practices emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, I remain optimistic that contributions in 2022 will continue to improve, and we will grow the number of neurosurgeons supporting NeurosurgeryPAC. Rest assured that your PAC will continue backing candidates in the 2022 elections who support neurosurgeons and their patients — whether Democrat, Republican or Independent — continuing to base its giving decisions not on party affiliation but on individual candidate’s positions on the issues. This approach to political giving has governed NeurosurgeryPAC’s contribution policy since its establishment in 2005.

The coming election year is going to be a great one for neurosurgery. We have the opportunity to do what we have always done — that is, to lead. I am confident that we can move forward beyond the pandemic to address our profession’s many issues, including streamlining prior authorization, preventing steep Medicare payment cuts, increasing funding for graduate medical education and biomedical research and preserving access to both in- and out-of-network care.

Together we can accomplish much, so please join the NeurosurgeryPAC Board and me on this exciting ride.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Heary, MD, Chair
NeurosurgeryPAC Board
WHAT IS NEUROSURGERYPAC?

CREATED IN 2005, NeurosurgeryPAC is the political action committee of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. NeurosurgeryPAC’s mission is simple: solicit voluntary contributions from neurosurgeons to support candidates for federal office who support neurosurgeons.

NeurosurgeryPAC does this by making direct campaign contributions to candidates for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives who are supportive of the issues important to neurosurgery. NeurosurgeryPAC is nonpartisan and does not base its decisions on party affiliation but instead focuses on the records and campaign pledges of the candidates.
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## Legislative Priorities

Organized neurosurgery made significant strides in accomplishing its legislative and regulatory agenda, thus ensuring that neurosurgical patients continue to have timely access to quality care.

### Protect Patients' Timely Access to Care

Bipartisan legislation to streamline prior authorization in the Medicare Advantage program — the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act (H.R. 3173 / S. 3018) — has garnered overwhelming support from nearly 300 members of Congress. The Safe Step Act (H.R. 2163 / S. 464) — which will require health plans to establish an exception to medication step-therapy protocol in specified cases — has nearly 150 co-sponsors.

### Improve the Health Care Delivery System

Several bills to permanently fund the Children's Health Insurance Program — including the Comprehensive Access to Robust Insurance Now Guaranteed (CARING) for Kids Act (H.R. 66) — have been introduced.

### Champion Fair Reimbursement

Legislation to mitigate steep Medicare payment cuts — the Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act (P.L. 117-71) — was signed into law. The Medicare Patients Empowerment Act (H.R. 3322 / S. 826) — to empower patients and allow them to seek care from the physician of their choice — was reintroduced.

### Support Quality Resident Training and Education

Legislation to add 14,000 additional Medicare-funded residency training positions and defer medical student loan interest during residency — the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act (H.R. 2256 / S. 834) and the Resident Education Deferred Interest Act (H.R. 4122) — have achieved solid bipartisan support.

### Fix the Broken Medical Liability System

Legislation to provide COVID 19-related liability protections — the Coronavirus Provider Protection Act (H.R. 3021) — was introduced. Additional liability protection for volunteers providing care in a disaster — the Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act (H.R. 5239 / S. 2941) — is under consideration.

### Continue Progress with Medical Innovation

Increased funding for the National Institutes of Health, Food and Drug Administration and other federal agencies, whose research investments are responsible for incalculable medical breakthroughs, was included in the temporary funding for FY 2022 (P.L. 117-70). Additionally, the 21st Century Cures Act 2.0 (H.R. 6000) — which will support further research and technology development — was introduced.

### Alleviate the Burdens of Electronic Health Records

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released the final interoperability rules. In addition, to help address physician wellness, the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act (H.R. 1667 / S. 610) passed the House and Senate and is pending final action.

### Restructure Medicare’s Quality Improvement Programs

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation released a white paper detailing its vision for transforming quality and value over the next decade.
MEMBER GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Money Raised in 2021 $244,380
Money Disbursed in 2021 $206,500

NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

People/PACs who contributed $5,000 18 individuals and one PAC
People who contributed $2,500 to $4,999 30 individuals
People who contributed $1,000 to $2,499 40 individuals
Average contribution $1,455

BREAKDOWN OF GIVING BY PARTY

64 Candidates for Office

Democrat 47%
Republican 53%

Breakdown of giving by party

GOP 53%  DEM 47%
 MEMBER GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Number of Participants by State

Winners of Leibrock State Leadership Award

TOP STATES BY MONEY RAISED IN CONTRIBUTIONS:
Winner: NEW JERSEY with $53,942
Runner Up: INDIANA with $22,501

TOP STATES BY PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION:
Winner: INDIANA with 17%
Runner Up: NEW JERSEY with 8%
# Competitive Comparisons

**NeurosurgeryPAC Compared to Other Physician PACs**

Coverage Dates: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

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Receipt and Disbursement Data from 2021 Year-End FEC Reports
# Competitive Comparisons

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TAKING NEUROSURGERY'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Below is a small example of the virtual events in which NeurosurgeryPAC was able to participate.

Rep. Ami Bera, MD (D-Calif.)

Rep. Andy Harris, MD (R-Md.)

Rep. Brad Wenstrup, DPM (R-Ohio)

Rep. John Joyce, MD (R-Pa.)

Rep. Larry Bucshon, MD (R-Ind.)

Rep. Michael Burgess, MD (R-Texas)
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Rep. Raul Ruiz, MD (D-Calif.)

Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.)

Sen. Bill Cassidy, MD (R-La.)

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