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More than 30 years ago, the AANS realized that the decisions made on Capitol Hill and in Washington, DC have a profound effect on an individual member's ability to practice neurological surgery. For some of the most important issues facing neurosurgeons -- including the need for medical liability reform; stabilization of reimbursement rates; health system reform; pay-for-performance and quality reporting; clarification of emergency on-call requirements and regionalization of neurosurgical emergency care; graduate medical education funding; and increased research funding -- the road leads through Washington, DC. Like it or not, federal policymakers have a huge impact on how we practice, when we practice, and what we get paid to practice. And this influence is only growing.

In order to maximize our effectiveness, the AANS has included another tool to our advocacy arsenal: a political action committee. Established in August 2005, NeurosurgeryPAC is a nonpartisan political action committee, which does not base its decisions on party affiliation, but instead focuses on the voting records and campaign pledges of the candidates. Simply put, NeurosurgeryPAC supports candidates for federal office who support Neurosurgery's advocacy goals.

Neurosurgeons cannot afford to sit on the political sidelines and NeurosurgeryPAC can only work to ensure that we have a strong voice on Capitol Hill if it has the necessary financial resources. Your contributions are needed so we can continue the fight for medical liability reform, to increase support for GME, to unshackle neurosurgeons from the morass of regulations and other important issues. Please join me in making your contribution today!



Mark A. Spatola, MD, Chairman

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