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The Honorable Patrick J. Tiberi
U.S. House of Representatives
106 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Richard E. Neal
U.S. House of Representatives
2208 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representatives Tiberi and Neal:

On behalf of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), and AANS/CNS Joint Cerebrovascular Section, we would like to thank you for introducing H. Res 522, which expresses support for designating September 2014 as "National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month." Neurosurgeons are the providers primarily responsible for the comprehensive treatment of brain aneurysms, and as such, we enthusiastically offer our support for this initiative.

As you are aware, nearly 6 million Americans have a brain aneurysm, and each year, approximately 30,000 experience a ruptured brain aneurysm. Sadly, 40 percent of patients suffering from a ruptured aneurysm die. This number could be decreased significantly with timely and appropriate treatment. Your resolution would bring crucial understanding to this issue and help to raise awareness of brain aneurysms, methods of early detection, and treatment options.

The AANS and CNS greatly appreciate your leadership and commitment to this pivotal issue. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to achieve swift passage of this important resolution.

Sincerely,

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