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The Honorable Brian Schatz  
United States Senate  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
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**Subject: Neurosurgery Support of the CONNECT for Health Care Act**

Dear Senator Schatz:

On behalf of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), representing more than 4,000 practicing neurosurgeons in the United States, we write to support your legislation, the Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Care Act. We appreciate and fully support your efforts to expand the availability of telehealth for patients across the country.

Telehealth is critical to enhancing patient access to high-quality neurosurgical services — particularly in rural parts of the country. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, this technology has become an indispensable patient care tool and a valuable adjunct to face-to-face clinical visits. We appreciate that your bill would build on recent progress and permanently expand access to telehealth services, removing outdated restrictions for providing remote health care services. Americans have benefited significantly from this expansion of telehealth and have come to rely on its availability. Congress should, therefore, expand access to telehealth services permanently so that telehealth remains an option for all Medicare beneficiaries both now and after the pandemic.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this issue. We look forward to working with you to move this bill through the legislative process. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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