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The Honorable Brad Schneider  
United States House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David McKinley  
United States House of Representatives  
2239 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Subject: H.R. 315, the Medicare Sequester COVID Moratorium Act**

Dear Representatives Schneider and McKinley:

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, H.R. 315, the Medicare Sequester COVID Moratorium Act, and encourage its inclusion in the next COVID-19 relief package.

As you are aware, your bill would continue the 2% Medicare payment sequester moratorium for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This action would help ensure that neurosurgeons across the country can keep their practices open and continue to provide quality care to their patients. As the pandemic continues to rage and surgical procedures are curtailed, it is more important than ever to ease the financial burdens facing providers. We sincerely appreciate that Congress suspended the sequester in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260). However, since this provision will only last through March 31, 2021, H.R. 315 must be immediately adopted.

On behalf of the AANS and the CNS, we thank you for your continued work to prevent these cuts. Your legislation would provide an additional lifeline to our nation's health care providers, who continue to struggle during this unprecedented health care crisis. We look forward to working with you to pass this legislation, so please let us know if there is any further assistance we can provide.

Sincerely,

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