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Dear Neurologist,

As you may know, **only 7.8% of residents who graduate from residencies in Pennsylvania remain in Pennsylvania. This is down from 50.5 % in 1994!** Some of the most commonly cited reasons why physicians leave Pennsylvania are the excessive malpractice costs and continuously diminishing reimbursements. We fight for our patients as far-reaching decisions are made with little or no physician involvement. Despite these obstacles, neurologists work tirelessly, essentially independently. In fact, **no state organization is dedicated to advocate for neurological patients or neurologists within Pennsylvania.** Furthermore, no Pennsylvania neurological organization is dedicated to organizing neurologists **across the state** for other worthwhile endeavors such as neurology education, collegiality and networking. Through the collaboration of the American Academy of Neurology and the Philadelphia Neurological Society, the **Pennsylvania Neurological Society will be founded this year!**

Its long term goals include:

1. Improving the practice of Neurology and Child Neurology within the state through educational endeavors for its members.
2. Advocating on behalf of neurologists and patients with neurological disease, and enhancing public awareness and understanding of neurological disorders.
3. Representing Pennsylvania neurologists to the government, media, public, and other organizations that impact the practice of neurology.
4. Encouraging a sense of community and providing networking opportunities among all Pennsylvania's adult and child neurologists.

This is a ground-breaking step forward and is being coordinated by neurologists across the state, including those in both universities and private practices alike. We ask you to join us in reaching our goal and become a founding member. While interest in leadership opportunities to help shape and direct the society is of course welcome, your paid membership is your message that you support this important endeavor (additional donations are appreciated as well).

Please complete and return the brief membership application, survey and dues. You can find this information on the PNS website. The society is open to all Pennsylvania adult and pediatric neurologists as well as neurology and pediatric neurology residents and fellows. Residents and fellows will be provided free membership



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For more information, please feel free to visit our web site at: <http://pns.aan.com> or find us on the American Academy of Neurology website under the link for Advocacy: State and Local Advocacy. You can also obtain our membership application and survey online.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our Executive Secretary, Jackie Dewitt or myself. Jackie can be reached by phone at (724) 537-0885 x119. My email is brad.klein@jefferson.edu.

We hope you consider this opportunity seriously. Your support of this organization will help make a difference for all Pennsylvania neurologists and their patients.

Sincerely yours,

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