



Dear Dr. Smith:

The current political climate is unsettled at best. At the federal level, with a single party now running the show, strategies and priorities have shifted. Now more than ever we have to be prepared to face the legislative and regulatory challenges that lie ahead as the 115th Congress will certainly have a significant impact on our patients and profession.

Regardless of party affiliation, on a daily basis our surgical champions and elected officials on Capitol Hill are making difficult choices that have the potential to affect our profession and our patients including how we practice medicine as well as our ability to innovate and continue to provide quality, affordable care.

Because the ACSPA-SurgeonsPAC does not participate in presidential elections, our goal is to continue strengthening surgery through political engagement on Capitol Hill. In 2016, the federal legislative team worked on our behalf to advance several key legislative initiatives including global codes, 21st Century Cures, trauma provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), and transitioning to a new physician payment system otherwise known as MACRA. As we welcome a new Administration and the 115th Congress, it is our duty as members and leaders of this astute organization to educate all of our colleagues and trainees about the importance of political advocacy, especially as it pertains to *SurgeonsPAC* support.

The bottom line: Our PAC supports candidates who are committed to maintaining, improving and protecting us and the patients we serve. A win for our PAC is a win for your patient.

As you revisit your 2017 priorities, especially your involvement within the College, I encourage you to renew your *SurgeonsPAC* contribution early this year to ensure surgery maintains a strong footing among other physician PACs in Washington.

To contribute online today, please visit www.surgeonspac.org, log in using your ACS username and password, and click "Contribute." If you prefer to provide payment by phone, please contact staff at 202-672-1520.

Thank you for helping make surgery stronger in 2017.

Sincerely,

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