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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Markey,

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 S. Res. 353, 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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