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The American Academy of Neurology (AAN), the leading professional association for neurological issues, is proud to support this year's Headache on the Hill event in Washington, D.C. Made up of more than 20,000 neurologists and neuroscience professionals worldwide, the AAN is dedicated to providing the best possible care for patients with neurological conditions.

Migraines and headaches affect one in eight adults, and account for nine percent of our nation's productivity losses. Despite this impact, funding for migraine research at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), a branch of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is disproportionately low. We fully support the mission of Headache on the Hill to address this disparity.

Increasing NIH funding will help reduce the impact of the debilitating, life-altering diseases our members treat, and will lessen the personal and financial toll these conditions take. The AAN thanks this year's Headache on the Hill participants for personally bringing their stories to Congress, on behalf of patients and families everywhere.

Sincerely,

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