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Elias A. Zerhouni, MD
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Dear Dr. Zerhouni,

The American Headache Society joins its partnering organizations in supporting the Headache on the Hill's effort to increase awareness of the crucial need for additional funding for research into migraine and other disabling headache disorders.

To represent their legions of patients, over 40 of our members have made the commitment to travel to Washington D.C. on September 26 to meet with Congressional legislators to reinforce the NIH funding needs beyond the \$13 million that is currently budgeted.

Headache disorders, including migraine, cause a staggering amount of suffering, medical costs and lost work across this country. It is our hope that increased migraine research will ultimately find effective treatments for this and other disabling conditions.

In addition, the society's leadership was gratified to hear the report from our representative, Joel Saper, MD, at your NIH Peer Review meeting on July 30. Dr. Saper found the meeting to be a valuable exchange of information between the NIH and the participating society representatives.

The American Headache Society pledges to continue to actively engage in ongoing forums to strengthen our relationship with the NIH.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Winner, DO".

Paul Winner, DO, FAAN
President
American Headache Society