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To: The American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology Board of Directors,

The California Neurology Society (CNS) is the state society representing all neurologists in California ranging from those in private practice to medical organizations to those at the university level practicing academic neurology and involved in neurological research. The Board of the California Neurology Society is elected from its membership and represents the opinions and ideals of neurologist throughout the great State of California.

The CNS actively supports and endorses the ideas expressed by Dr. Paul Mathew concerning the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process. The current MOC process is extremely cumbersome and certainly does not reflect current neurology practice. The present MOC process is neither applicable nor productive in enhancing the practice of neurology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We strongly support the arguments regarding the MOC by Dr. Paul G. Mathew and suggest that the MOC process be revamped, simplified, economically priced and most importantly germane to neurologists including such noble activities as CME education, medical teaching, charitable work in clinics, etc.

Thank you and I trust that the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology Board of Directors will listen to its constituents and revamp the process with the input of practicing neurologists.

Sincerely,

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