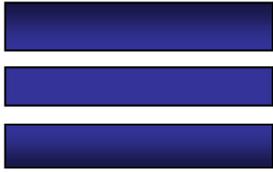


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## **Neurosurgeons Commend House Committee for Passing IPAB Repeal Legislation**

*Unelected board has the power to cut billions of dollars from Medicare limiting seniors' access to care*

Washington, DC—The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) applaud the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee for passing H.R. 849, the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act. Sponsored by Rep. Phil Roe, MD (R-Tenn.), and Rep. Raul Ruiz, MD (D-Calif.), this bipartisan legislation would repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), which is charged with making steep cuts to the Medicare program; thus adversely affecting seniors' ability to see their trusted physicians and get the care they need when they need it.

Earlier this year, the AANS and CNS joined the [Physician IPAB Repeal Coalition](#), the [Alliance of Specialty Medicine](#) and more than [800 health care stakeholder organizations](#) in endorsing this legislation.

“The AANS and CNS have long supported legislation to repeal the IPAB to ensure that our patients have timely access to quality health care,” said Ann R. Stroink, MD, FAANS, a neurosurgeon from Bloomington, Ill. and chair of the AANS/CNS Washington Committee. “We congratulate the Ways and Means Committee for passing H.R. 849 and urge swift passage by the full House of Representatives.”

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