Dear Colleagues,

With 2019 now over, I want to take a step back and reflect on our success last year. Thank you for your continued dedication to SpinePAC. With your help, SpinePAC serves as the only voice on Capitol Hill advancing the interests of the spine care community. Our mission is to create a positive and lasting impact for our patients and fellow physicians in the political field. In 2019, we accomplished that goal by educating and supporting candidates who facilitate change and diminish the obstacles we face as spine specialists.

In the last year, 5.7% of NASS members made contributions to SpinePAC. With your help, we raised $139,185. Despite the good work we completed, a public outcry for better health care continues to echo throughout the nation. In the previous midterm elections, nearly 41% of voters chose health care as the number one issue in the country. Although millions of Americans continue to search for answers, the majority of Congress lacks any expertise in federal health policy. A mere 6% of Congress possess a background in health care — meaning out of the hundreds of legislators that control the future of our industry, only 30 legislators have true experience in our field.

With only months to go before the 2020 elections, SpinePAC puts health care exactly where it belongs: as a top priority. As members of NASS, it is our shared responsibility to support candidates who will fight for policies that advance the mission of the spine party. Together, we can be leaders in shaping a new path for health care policies that support access for our patients and protect our fellow physicians.

We created this annual report to transparently display our numbers and to show you how your commitment directly helped transform the political field for our profession. With your support, SpinePAC will remain the leading trailblazer for pro-spine legislation. If you are not yet a member of the PAC, I encourage you to get involved during this important election year. I look forward to what we will accomplish together in 2020.

Sincerely,

Philip Schneider, MD
President, National Association of Spine Specialists

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### 2019 Participation

- **302** PAC Donors
- **5.7%** Participation of Eligible Members

### 2019 Receipts

- **$139,185** Raised

### 2019 Disbursements

- **60** Candidates Supported
- **$139,500** Contributed

Click here to view the full list of SpinePAC disbursements for 2019.

### 2019 Accomplishments

- **200+** Meetings convened with congressional offices in Washington, D.C. on behalf of NASS and spine advocates
- **15+** In-district meetings convened throughout the country with congressional offices and NASS membership
- **100+** Congressional meet & greets attended on behalf of NASS and spine advocates

Thank you to all of our 2019 PAC donors! Click here to view a list of all donors.

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2019 Disbursements Map

Disbursements Map Key:

- $5,000
- $2,500
- $1,000

States highlighted:
- California: $5,000
- Tennessee: $5,000
- Texas: $2,500
- Other states with $1,000 or less