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Dear ADA Members:

The Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA) would like to encourage you to contribute to ADA's Political Action Committee (PAC) in 2011! Your donation will help support key legislative initiatives at the national level. The ADA is committed to ensuring that the profession of audiology is recognized as *the* doctoring profession responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of hearing and balance disorders. The future of audiology will continue to face obstacles along the way; however, with your PAC contribution, ADA can continue to advocate with a collective voice to better serve its members.

This year, the advocacy committee has a goal to raise **$25,000**—and, with your help, this goal is attainable. Funding the PAC can seem like an expensive endeavor, but it will be far more expensive to the profession and to each member if our voices go unheard.

ADA's top legislative priority for 2011 is to advance legislation that will allow for "Direct Access" to audiologists by Medicare recipients. To that end, ADA strongly supports H.R. 2140, the Medicare Hearing Health Care Enhancement Act of 2011, which was recently introduced in the 112th Congress with bi-partisan support.

The PAC funds can help in supporting political candidates and Congressional leaders who are in a position to advance issues of significance for ADA and its members. To learn more about this and other current advocacy initiatives, please visit ADA's advocacy website at http://audiologist.org/advocacy.html

If you have previously contributed to the PAC, thank you for your financial support of ADA legislative initiatives; please look at the 2011 initiatives and consider donating this year. If you have not contributed in the past, please strongly consider supporting the ADA PAC in 2011 to help advance audiology in the future.

Sincerely,

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ADA Advocacy Committee Chair

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