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Dear ABPN Board of Directors,

My name is Dr. John Ferro and I am the President of the New York State Neurological Society. The New York State Neurological Society is an organization that supports and advocates for the 1600 Neurologists in the state of New York. During the New York State Neurological Society's last Board of Directors meeting on March 4, 2015, it was unanimously agreed upon that the New York State Neurological Society supports the call by the American Academy of Neurology for the repeal of Part IV of the Maintenance of Certification process for Neurologists. We agree that Part IV of MOC is an unnecessarily onerous requirement that has no convincing research showing that it is effective in improving physicians' practice and the quality of the care they provide.

It is important to note that the members of the New York State Neurological Society support a commitment to lifelong learning and quality improvement. However, there needs to be a balance between how this is accomplished in today's ever-changing clinical environment. The true measure of greatness of an educational governing body, such as the ABPN, in performing its function in providing for maintenance of certification, should include listening to its certified members who honestly challenge what is believed to be beyond what truly accomplishes the deliverance of high-quality patient centered care.

Sincerely,
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