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Chair, Anesthesiology Resident Review Committee
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Dear Dr. Gaiser:

In August 2009, the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) approved the proposal from the American Society of Anesthesiologist (ASA) for an Anesthesiology Policy Research Rotation in Political Affairs. The rotation is for a period of four weeks in the ASA Office of Governmental and Legal Affairs located in Washington, D.C and is designed to allow resident physicians to experience the political, legislative and regulatory factors that affect the delivery of patient care.

ABA residents in their CA-2 and CA-3 years are eligible to apply for the rotation. Training away from the resident's ACGME-accredited anesthesiology program cannot occur until completion of at least one year of clinical anesthesia or during the last three months of the CA-3 year, unless such training will be in another ACGME-accredited program.

Programs must give prospective notification to the ABA for all individuals who are accepted for this ASA Policy Research Rotation in Political Affairs.

Sincerely,

James P. Rathmell, M.D.
Secretary

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cc: Erin A. Sullivan, M.D., Chair, ASA Committee on Governmental Affairs
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