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# Medical Association of Georgia

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Dear Member:

Today, the Medical Association of Georgia filed a Motion to Intervene in a lawsuit on behalf of Georgia's general surgeons. The lawsuit, filed in December by the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals (GACH) and the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) seeks to block the recent rule that recognizes general surgeons as a specialty. This aggressive move by hospitals against physicians must be countered. By responding to this lawsuit, MAG is not just supporting our general surgery colleagues, but is also standing up against this latest attempt by hospitals to control physicians and the practice of medicine.

In an effort to fight this troublesome development, MAG has created the Legal Defense Fund to support our involvement in this legal battle. A contribution to the fund of \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or other amount will underscore your commitment to MAG and bolster this legal effort on behalf of the profession. It is my privilege to donate \$1,000 so that MAG can continue to protect our rights as physicians and preserve the practice of medicine in Georgia. Please take a moment to complete the contribution form below and return it to MAG.

I am proud of the role MAG has played, and will continue to play, in preserving the autonomy of the profession and fighting for cost-effective, efficient and quality care for our patients. Please join me as we take on this latest legal challenge to our profession by making a contribution to the Legal Defense Fund.

Sincerely,

Jack M. Chapman Jr., M.D.  
President, Medical Association of Georgia

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