2024 marks the 20th anniversary of SIRPAC, our medical society's political action committee. The need to support this important program has never been greater. SIRPAC is essential to ensuring that the voice of interventional radiology is heard by elected officials as they make critical decisions on the future of healthcare. SIRPAC gives interventional radiologists a literal seat at the table with federal and state elected officials. I'm very proud to share SIRPAC's 2023 annual report, to highlight the amazing work of SIRPAC's leadership and to thank the many donors who continue to make this program a success.

SIRPAC supported 43 political fundraising events in 2023, most of which were organized exclusively for medical specialty organizations. This allows the physician community to speak with one voice and with one purpose: to ensure high-quality patient care and access to that care for our patients. Because of SIRPAC we can educate elected officials on the need to support interventional radiology as a unique part of the healthcare provider community.

2024 will be a difficult year for healthcare policy; a sharply divided Congress, changes in leadership, and an election year combine to make this a challenging environment for healthcare policy. This only increases the need for SIR's involvement in the political process—and SIRPAC is our best tool to ensure that involvement. The 2024 elections will also see record congressional retirements from some of our fiercest allies. It is critical that we double-down and invest in our strongest congressional supporters and forge relationships with candidates now to impact the future.

Please join me in supporting SIRPAC, the future of IR, and the creation of healthcare policies that support physicians and the patients we serve.

Here’s to accelerating our momentum in 2024.

Sincerely,

Alda L. Tam, MD, MBA, FSIR

President, SIR
SIRPAC opens doors and offers our members and staff the opportunity to support pro-IR elected officials. We invest heavily in candidates that support our pro-physician agenda. We determine our level of support based on a three-tiered system, weighted by members serving on a health committee, a position in leadership and support for issues of importance to IR. SIRPAC is extremely disciplined in our giving, which is based on causes relevant to our specialty.

Conversations about U.S. healthcare policy will occur whether we are in the room or not, and while it’s cliché to say, our priority is to be at the table and not on the menu. The government decides:

- **HOW** we’re paid (Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act, Merit-based Incentive Payment System, bundled programs)
- **HOW** we practice (private, employed, academic, government, telemedicine)
- **WHAT** we can do (scope, prior authorization)
- **WHO** we can treat (in network, out of network, Medicare beneficiaries)
- **WHAT** we can own (hospital, imaging, ambulatory surgery center)
- **HOW** we’re insured (medical liability)
- **RESEARCH** dollars received

Too much is at stake for IR to not be a part of these policy discussions. Sitting out is not an option. If we’re not at the table, someone else will tell our story—it could be another physician group, health insurer or healthcare organization altogether—and that would be a disservice to our profession and our patients.
Our political program allows us the opportunity to be heard and have our voices amplified. It lets us support our champions and share our message same time, in tandem with traditional advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and with federal regulators. While our government affairs staff works with congressional staff, the face-to-face time with congressional representatives is crucial and even more effective when the message is delivered by interventional radiologists that live in their respective district or state.

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