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Edward Laws, M.D., President  
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Dear Doctor Laws:

I was delighted to hear that the CNS Executive Committee has decided to join with AANS in co-sponsorship of the proposed continuing education program on acute spinal injury. I know that you and Dr. Goldring have had an opportunity to discuss the ramifications of this rather complex co-sponsorship condition and understand that you and he will soon be determining just how it can best be handled. I believe it was a wise and logical decision to interface the Joint Spine Section with the AAOS Spine Committee. Your collective judgement will certainly result in selection of the best people to handle this interface.

Based on our joint effort with the AAOS staff in facilitating the Intradiscal Therapy program last year, I believe I can assure you that the support mechanism will be of the highest quality, and the interest of the neurosurgical specialty will be carefully represented in this dimension as well.

Dr. Goldring has emphasized how important it is for me to ensure that both you and he are adequately informed of staff activities, as this program develops. I will see that this is done.

We have certainly witnessed a remarkable number of opportunities to work together in recent times. I am personally very grateful to you for the hand you have taken in facilitating these new interfaces, and will do everything possible to justify the reliance you have placed upon us.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Sidney Goldring, M.D., President  
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