

Lobby Day Congressional Meeting Debriefing Form

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MEETING #1

Senator/Representative: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (not present)

Staff: Katherine Haley, Health Policy Aide

Brief description of topics discussed and your legislator's response:

Ms. Haley was receptive to our concerns, attentively taking notes while we spoke. We discussed medical liability reform, residency loan deferment, and the upcoming reauthorization of the higher education act.

MEETING #2

Senator/Representative: Representative Dr. Michael Burgess (in person)

Staff: Josh Martin

Brief description of topics discussed and your legislator's response:

Dr. Burgess graciously took approximately 10 minutes to talk with us before heading to speak on the House floor. We showed him the USA Today ad that the Trial Lawyer's Association had run in opposition to our AMA Pride in Profession Awards page. We discussed medical liability reform, residency loan deferment, and the upcoming reauthorization of the higher education act.

MEETING #3

Senator/Representative: N/A

Staff:

Brief description of topics discussed and your legislator's response:

Were you an AMPAC member before coming to Lobby Day? No (my application was pending since I joined through TEXPAC, which was still in the process of getting me signed up for AMPAC)

If not, did you join AMPAC for \$10 during or after the meeting? (www.ampaconline.org)

Would you still participate in Lobby Day if activities were only available to current AMPAC members? Yes, but I think it should be open to all MSS members since it's a way to get them involved and possibly join AMPAC as a result.

What was the best part about Lobby Day 2005?

The number of students. It was energizing to see ~300 medical students from around the country spending time together to learn about lobbying and talk to their legislators about issues of relevance/importance!

What can be improved for Lobby Day 2006?

Can't think of anything to improve Lobby Day – it went so well! Great job Brooke and Steve!