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**Neurosurgeons Applaud House for Passing 21st Century Cures Act**

*Bill will accelerate the discovery, development and delivery of medical treatments for all Americans*

Washington, DC—The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) applaud the U.S. House of Representatives for passing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act by an overwhelming margin. Sponsored by Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-Mich.) and Rep. Diana DeGette (D-Colo.), this important legislation provides significant investments to accelerate the discovery, development and delivery of new cures and treatments for all Americans.

Earlier this week, organized neurosurgery [endorsed](#) the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act.

“The AANS and CNS supported the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act because it will transform the way we treat disease,” said Shelly D. Timmons, MD, PhD, FAANS, a practicing neurosurgeon from Hershey, Penn. and chair of the AANS/CNS Washington Committee. “It also provides much-needed funding for the BRAIN Initiative which will revolutionize our understanding of the human brain and produce new ways to treat and cure neurologic disorders.”

Dr. Timmons added, “We congratulate Reps. Upton and DeGette for their tireless leadership on this critical issue and urge the Senate to join the House in passing this bill so President Obama can sign it into law.”

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*The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), founded in 1931, and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), founded in 1951, are the two largest scientific and educational associations for neurosurgical professionals in the world. These groups represent over 8,000 neurosurgeons worldwide. Neurological surgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the entire nervous system, including the spinal column, spinal cord, brain and peripheral nerves. For more information, please visit [www.aans.org](http://www.aans.org) or [www.cns.org](http://www.cns.org) or [www.neurosurgeryblog.org](http://www.neurosurgeryblog.org).*