## Script for 2018 GSA-PAC Fall Fundraising

In the current 2017-2018 election cycle, GSA has contributed more than \$80,000 to 38 candidates for the state legislature and select statewide offices. Out of the 38 candidates, only six did not win their primary election. The high retention rate means that nearly all candidates that GSA-PAC supported will remain in positions to help protect physician-led healthcare and patient safety at the state level if unopposed in the fall or will go forward to a General Election contest.

For the November 6 General Election, GSA has an opportunity to help 59 incumbent state senators and representatives who have demonstrated support for physicians and patients. GSA needs these people to win their General Election contests and return to the General Assembly in January.

Unfortunately, we cannot help these elected officials right now. GSA-PAC funds are depleted. Many of our pro-physician friends in the legislature were challenged in the primary, and we contributed everything we had to help win the primaries.

GSA-PAC needs at least \$60,000 to be able to give meaningful support to the 59 incumbent legislators who face opposition in the General Election and to candidates for statewide office who control healthcare policy and regulate insurance companies.

The members of one anesthesia practice in Georgia that donated to GSA-PAC earlier in the year are making a second voluntary contribution to help GSA-PAC meet its need for the General Election. Other anesthesia groups should "reload" as well.

Now is GSA's hour of need. We are recognized as a source of advocacy for physician-led healthcare and for protecting patient safety. This recognition is boosted when GSA-PAC demonstrates support for our friends in the General Assembly.

For a current list of GSA-PAC contributors, click here.

Under Georgia law, both individuals and corporations may contribute.

To contribute online, <u>click here</u>. For password help, email <u>stephanie.bowen@politics.org</u>.

To mail contributions from individuals or groups, make checks payable to GSA-PAC and mail to GSA-PAC, 1231-J Collier Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA, 30318. If contributing as a practice group, please include a list of physicians and/or AAs represented in the contribution.

Suggested minimum contribution is \$200/person/year.