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***COMMENTS OF MICHAEL ROSENBERG, MD, IN RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR
PATERSON'S RELEASE OF A PROPOSED PHYSICIAN DISCIPLINE BILL***

"When the Medical Malpractice Liability Advisory Task Force was formed almost one year ago the Medical Society of the State of New York stated its support for Task Force action in four major areas – tort reform, premium relief, medical liability carrier stability, and enhanced quality. Legislative action in all of these areas is essential to a stable health care system.

The prevention of adverse medical outcomes through enhanced quality is far more productive than any punitive measure taken after the fact. Physicians are actively engaged at every level in quality enhancement initiatives. We also recognize the importance of appropriate disciplinary action in situations involving unprofessional conduct. We have worked for many years to achieve a discipline process which expeditiously identifies misconduct and equitably punishes it, and are committed to improving that process in all appropriate ways.

Our goal is and has always been protection of the rights of physicians, patients and the public. We are reviewing the medical conduct initiative released today by Governor Paterson and look forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature to achieve our shared objectives of tort reform, premium relief, medical liability carrier stability and enhanced quality."

Founded in 1807, the Medical Society of the State of New York represents over 25,000 physicians, residents and medical students.

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