



Wisconsin Medical Society

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April 18, 2009

Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The Wisconsin Medical Society unequivocally condemns the involvement of medical personnel in monitoring and/or participating in torture of anyone, at any time, under any circumstances.

Further we strongly support American Medical Association policies E-2.068 and E-2.067 and the April 17, 2009 letter that states:

“Any involvement by physicians in torture is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as a healer. Such involvement would violate core ethical obligations of the medical profession to ‘first, do no harm’ and to respect human dignity and rights.”

A copy of the letter and policies are attached.

We are grateful for your close and careful attention to this extremely important issue.

Sincerely,

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President, Wisconsin Medical Society

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Board Chair, Wisconsin Medical Society

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Speaker of the House, Wisconsin Medical Society