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ORTHOPAEDIC DOCTORS NAME SEN. CONNIE WILLIAMS
2006 LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

HARRISBURG (November 29, 2006) – The Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society (POS) recently recognized state Sen. Connie Williams (D-Montgomery County) for her efforts to support excellence in orthopaedic medicine in Pennsylvania with the 2006 Legislator of the Year Award.

Sen. Williams received the award during the POS annual scientific meeting held in Philadelphia earlier this month. Sen. Williams is the sixth recipient of the award, which has honored Sen. Jeffrey E. Piccola (R-Dauphin County), Rep. Curt Schroder (R-Chester County), Rep. Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny County), Rep. Ellen Bard (R-Montgomery County) and Rep. Robert Godshall (R-Montgomery County).

POS President Joshua Port, M.D. praised Sen. Williams for her steadfast support for common sense medical liability reforms even when her colleagues in the Senate Democratic caucus did not agree with her.

“She truly understands how important it is to reduce medical liability insurance costs and improve insurance reimbursements to doctors in order to be able to compete for the best orthopaedic surgeons in the nation,” Port said. “High-quality orthopaedic medicine is critically important for our healthcare system and for our citizens and for our economy.”

Port noted that Sen. Williams introduced legislation, which was later enacted into law, which provides annual funding to trauma centers for the purpose of improving access to readily available and coordinated trauma care for Pennsylvanians. This was in direct response to trauma centers, which were at risk for closing due in large part to Pennsylvania’s medical liability insurance crisis.

Sen. Williams serves as the Senate Democratic Caucus Administrator and her committee assignments include Democratic Chair of Communications and Technology, Policy, Aging and Youth, Education and Finance. She also serves on the Arthritis and Osteoporosis Caucus.

In addition to many professional and civic appointments, she is a fellow of the Philadelphia Academy of Physicians.

POS is a professional medical specialty organization representing more than 1,000 orthopaedic surgeons across Pennsylvania. For more information, visit the POS website at www.paorthosociety.org.

This year POS celebrates its 50th Anniversary ***"50 Years and Growing Stronger"*** with a series of public education materials and activities highlighting the excellence of orthopaedic medicine in Pennsylvania and the importance of bone, joint and muscle health at every age.

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