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**Florida Society of Anesthesiologists Supports Governor Scott's Proposed Workshops
Regarding Opioid Epidemic Solutions**

Tallahassee, FL — Today, the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists (FSA) sent Governor Rick Scott a letter supporting his recent announcement to convene workshops across the state of Florida aimed at finding solutions to the opioid epidemic.

Anesthesiologists use narcotics daily during the administration of anesthetics, and are highly trained in the appropriate use of fentanyl and other narcotics. They also provide anesthesia during childbirth to mothers whose infants suffer from Narcotic Addiction Syndrome due to their mother's opioid addiction, as well as being involved with pain clinics and providing appropriate therapy for chronic pain. As such, the FSA is eager to be a part of the solution to the increase in illicit use of opioids.

“We commend the Governor for his dedication and anticipate participating in the workshops he will convene aimed at exploring potential solutions to the opioid crisis our state and nation are facing,” Dr. Steven Gayer, President of the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists, said.

The FSA is committed to finding solutions to this multifaceted problem and want to congratulate and wish luck to Governor Scott as he helps bring to the forefront one of the most important medical issues of our time.

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