

Dear TSP Committee,

I am not sure to whom this inquiry should be directed, but I am representing a group of Texas Pathologists' Assistants who are currently in the process of forming a state professional society, the **Texas Society of Pathologists' Assistants (TSPA)**.

As we develop the organization, we would like to explore the possibility of establishing a relationship with the Texas Society of Pathologists (TSP), particularly in the areas of **legislative affairs, education, professional advocacy, and collaboration on issues affecting the practice of Pathologists' Assistants in Texas**.

One of our primary long-term goals is to work toward state licensure for Pathologists' Assistants in Texas. We recognize the importance of approaching this effort thoughtfully and collaboratively, and we believe that a strong relationship with TSP could be invaluable as we learn how to navigate the legislative and regulatory processes involved.

Beyond licensure, we hope TSPA will provide a statewide forum for Pathologists' Assistants to collaborate on professional issues, support continuing education, promote professional standards, and advocate for appropriate recognition and compensation for our profession. Ultimately, we believe that a unified state organization would strengthen the voice of Pathologists' Assistants in Texas while complementing the work of TSP at the state level and the American Association of Pathologists' Assistants (AAPA) at the national level.

We would greatly appreciate any guidance you can provide regarding the process for establishing a relationship with TSP, as well as any resources, recommendations, or opportunities for collaboration that may be available to a newly forming professional society.

If this inquiry would be better directed to another individual or committee within TSP, I would be grateful if you could point me in the appropriate direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We are excited about the opportunity to build a strong professional organization for Pathologists' Assistants in Texas, and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss how TSPA and TSP might work together to advance the profession.

Best regards,

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On behalf of the Texas Society of Pathologists' Assistants (TSPA)

