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50<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Headache Society

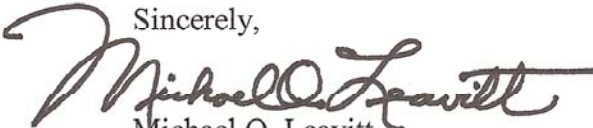
Dear Friends:

I am pleased to send warm greetings to all those gathered for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Headache Society.

As we are winding down the "Decade of Pain Control and Research," migraine disease is no longer sidelined as a symptom or a personality disorder, but now aggressively addressed as a progressive neurological disease with a genetic basis. The good news is that compassionate, professional advocates and physicians like you are making a difference in the fight against headaches. Your tremendous work educating and informing the public helps so many escape the prison of pain, and brings hope to those who suffer.

We celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of American Headache Society and the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MAGNUM, the National Migraine Association. I applaud your efforts to raise national and global awareness of the epidemiology associated with migraine disease and headache disorders. American citizens will directly benefit from the work of NGO's in addition to the work of the Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy (AHDA), the Migraine Research Foundation, and the World Headache Alliance (WHA).

Please accept my best wishes for a successful meeting. Your work and efforts are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
  
Michael O. Leavitt