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**Statement of APA President Nada Stotland, M.D.,
on Request by Senator Grassley**

ARLINGTON, Va. (Sept. 2, 2008) – In July, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, requested that the American Psychiatric Association (APA) provide information on funding received from the pharmaceutical industry. Today, the APA submitted the requested information. APA President Nada Stotland, M.D., offered the following statement:

“Today, the APA provided Senator Grassley with the requested information on the revenue the APA has received from pharmaceutical companies from January 2003 onward. The funding APA has received includes payments for advertising in APA periodicals; payments for exhibits at our meetings; support for minority and resident fellowships in leadership and research; funding for anti-stigma public education campaigns; and support for public and continuing medical education.

“We believe that the relationships between medical professionals and societies and industry must be carefully scrutinized to avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest. Information concerning APA’s funding has long been available to our membership and the broader public. The APA has been a leader in the medical community in requiring disclosure and, at times, divestiture in relationships with industry. The APA is also working with other medical societies to develop broader standards for reporting and limiting relationships with industry.”

About the American Psychiatric Association: *The American Psychiatric Association is the nation’s leading medical specialty society whose more than 38,000 physician members specialize in diagnosis, treatment, prevention and research of mental illnesses including substance use disorders. Visit the APA at www.psych.org and www.HealthyMinds.org.*

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