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## Mutual Protection Trust Sees Minimal Effect From Financial Developments

Los Angeles, CA, September 18, 2008 -- The Mutual Protection Trust (MPT), the medical professional liability protection product of the Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc. (CAP), said today that the recent restructuring among major financial institutions has had minimal effect on its trust fund portfolio.

"By law, MPT's investments are restricted to what are considered conservative financial vehicles," said James Weidner, chief executive officer. "Those parameters match MPT's own disciplined stance on investments and all aspects of the organization. This approach has kept the recent fluctuations in the financial markets from adversely affecting the strength of MPT's trust corpus."

As recent news has shown, however, even what have been considered the most stable financial institutions were weakened by the decline in the value of mortgage-backed investments. Even so, MPT's exposure to such devaluations has been minimal.

"As a doctor-run organization," Weidner added, "the physicians on the Finance & Investment Committee continue to monitor developments (in conjunction with our chief financial officer, and outside investment expertise) to make sure that the safety of our 10,000 members' trust deposits remains a top priority."

*The Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc. was established in 1975 by a group of California physicians to manage the escalating cost of medical professional liability coverage. Two years later, CAP formed the Mutual Protection Trust which today provides protection for 10,000 of the finest physicians practicing in California. Based in Los Angeles, CAP also has offices in San Diego, Orange, Sacramento, and Mountain View, California.*