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Dear Program Directors and Members of the Thoracic Surgery Directors Association:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive Committee of STS has voted to cancel the Boot Camp for 2020. This was a very difficult decision, but perhaps unavoidable given the scope and severity of the current situation, its impedance on our present-day program and logistical planning, and continued uncertainty over continued disruptions for months ahead. We assure you that the residents and residency education remain a priority for STS in spite of this development and fully intend to bring back Boot Camp stronger and better than ever in 2021.

We are considering alternative ways that the STS can engage with the resident audience this coming academic year and plan to work with the TSDA to provide educational and simulation resources for the incoming resident groups.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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