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AMA Alternate Delegate Candidate

I have had the extraordinary privilege of attending the Indiana State Medical Association House of Delegates for more than a decade and hearing from our distinguished Hoosier physician leaders. Your insights help ISMA and the AMA delegation lead meaningful change. I am honored to have served this past year as Chair of the ISMA Board of Trustees. As a servant leader, I listen first to understand our members' needs. Service is not about advancing my priorities, but yours. By valuing every voice and encouraging open communication, we can find the best path forward and navigate issues that threaten to divide our profession. This is an exciting time for medicine in the United States, with significant opportunities to collaborate across the House of Medicine, drive positive change, and amplify the voices of Hoosier physicians.

As an emergency physician, I am privileged to serve on the front line of public health, where gaps in our health care system are readily visible. Medicine faces many urgent challenges: burnout and physician shortages in primary care and many specialties; limited access for Hoosiers in rural and urban communities; insufficient oversight of nonphysician providers, partly due to those shortages; payer practices that delay or deny reimbursement and add unnecessary administrative burdens; and regulatory interference that restricts the patient-physician relationship, rights, and choice. Social drivers of health further limit our ability to heal, while violence and incivility in health care threaten physicians and drive them from the profession. These challenges demand skilled, collaborative leadership. As a physician board certified in Healthcare Administration, Leadership, and Management and a Certified Physician Executive, I have developed the expertise to help navigate these complex issues. As alternate delegate, I would work collaboratively to advance practical solutions.

I am deeply impressed by the current AMA Delegation and those who served before them. Today's candidates bring exceptional qualifications and extensive experience in organized medicine. It would be a great honor to join this distinguished group of physician leaders.

I would be truly grateful for your vote and the opportunity to serve as your AMA alternate delegate. As a servant leader, I will listen first, represent Hoosier physicians with dedication, and work collaboratively to turn your priorities into meaningful action.

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