

**National Medical Association (NMA) Representative**

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**Statement of Interest:** I am excited to provide this statement of interest for my application to serve as the National Medical Association (NMA)

Representative to the Minority Affairs Section Governing Council. From my time in medical school, I have been an active member of both the AMA and the NMA, and have been honored to serve in various leadership roles in both organizations. This experience has afforded me a unique perspective of the unique history and strengths of each organization, as well as the continued synergistic potential of collaborative efforts between the two organizations.

As the nation's oldest and largest organization of African-American physicians, the NMA continues to be a leading force for parity and justice in medicine. In my current role as Chairperson of NMA Region II, and as a member of the NMA Board of Trustees, I have developed a strong understanding and admiration for the continued efforts of the organization and its vibrant members. As the largest and most influential organization of physicians in the country, our AMA brings together organizations, such as the NMA, to amplify their advocacy and organizational efforts as a collective voice. It is with this dual viewpoint that I developed an interest in this opportunity with AMA's Minority Affairs Section (MAS). As an AMA member that has participated in MAS programming and transition from consortium to section, it would be my honor to participate in the further development of the AMA MAS, its strategic directions, and its programmatic agenda.

**Specialty:** Internal Medicine, Obesity Medicine

**Endorsement:** National Medical Association