Whereas, The cost of medical education and testing is rising, with no relief in sight for medical students; and  
Whereas, The cost of USMLE Step 2 CS Exam will be $1,300 in 2020 and most medical students will have to travel and stay near one of the five national testing centers; and  
Whereas, The USMLE Step 2 CS Exam costs approximately $27.5 million annually and nationally to medical students, not including travel expenses; and  
Whereas, It should be noted that there is no good correlation between Board certification and physician competency; and  
Whereas, There are no data to support a link between the USMLE Step 2 CS Exam and improved patient outcomes, and 95% of U.S. medical students pass on their first attempt; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association work with the Federation of State Medical Boards/United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) to reduce the cost of the USMLE Step 2 CS exam and allow medical students to take this exam locally to defray unnecessary expenses. (Directive to Take Action)  
Fiscal Note: not yet determined.

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