

Delegate

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Emergency Medicine**

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Specialty: Emergency Medicine

Statement of Interest

Hello and thank you for reading this statement! I am thrilled to run to serve as your RFS Delegate. My passion for this work and my experience prepared me to be an effective leader for our RFS at this pivotal juncture.

I have extensive experience over 9 years within the AMA, including as: Medical Student Section (MSS) and RFS Delegate to the HOD; member or leadership of RFS, MSS, and state/specialty Committees, including Vice Chair of the RFS JEDI Committee; Councilor to the Council on the Constitutions and Bylaws and service on the House Rules and Credentials Committee; Section Delegate for MSS; and others. I authored and defended numerous policies adopted by the HOD. I have experience in political/community organizing and in multiple areas of research and health policy. These experiences gave me a solid basis for successful advocacy within the AMA. I am particularly passionate in justice- and equity-centered advocacy, and I am thrilled this is also an RFS focus.

As a prior MSS Section Delegate, I am intimately familiar with the effort of leading a Section of very busy trainees for successful advocacy. It would be a joy to serve our Section and help members reach their advocacy goals as Delegate, and I will meet this challenge with all I have. My background prepared me to be a strong advocate for the RFS. It would be an honor to serve you as Section Delegate; thank you for your consideration and support!

Diversity Statement

I am from a family having highly heritable disabling illness, which has profoundly impacted and contributed substantially to my perspectives on a lot in medicine, science, and medical policy. Living with my family's condition has given me insights I would not have otherwise had in connecting with the struggles of patients and also of fellow residents, colleagues, and mentors navigating a medical career in the face of personal difficulties and setbacks.