Vice Speaker

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Statement of Interest

I remember joining the AMA in my last year of medical school, invited along by one of my good friends. I had no idea what I was getting into, and it was intimidating. Parliamentary procedure can seem so daunting and there are so many bright trainees and physicians here that it can feel impossible to know where to start. The assembly both engaged and excited me, but also had its confusing moments. This is where a great speaker and vice speaker can make all the difference. I want to help make sure our RFS is a welcoming place for all members so we can all engage in meaningful advocacy together. On my state and specialty level, I have been the chair of membership for residents, where I have enjoyed creating opportunities for residents to share, stay connected, solve problems, and most importantly, be there for each other during these past few hard years. It's been a lot of fun and personally fulfilling, engaging others in advocacy, and getting people interested in the policy that directly impacts their careers, and their patients.

It is never too late for anyone to start participating in organized medicine and I want to make sure our RFS is a place where members can easily engage in advocacy. I understand, as a critical care fellow, just how chaotic life can be. As vice speaker, I want to make our meetings a place where we get to inspire with great policy making and rejuvenate with relationship building.

Diversity Statement

The American Dream was something my family thought so tangible. Something they could grasp, yet so far away. Leaving their homeland under the cover of night, planning to never return, they found themselves in a refugee camp - waiting, wondering. Months later, they found themselves on an airplane to America where, along with $200, were tasked to build towards the American dream. Through the friends they made along the way, they built their dream. They raised my sister and I, always made sure we were never lacking in the things we needed and supported us every step of the way. Today, I see my parent’s eyes in my patients who desperately need a very important part of our dream, excellent, equitable, and affordable healthcare. My experience in Emergency Medicine over the past several years has highlighted the crisis the families of uninsured and underinsured patients experience when they get their first hospital bill. Through my clinical work, I’ve become more assured that in order to provide whole person care for our patients, we need to focus on both inside and outside of the hospital building. In our AMA, I’ve met truly awesome human beings that are dedicated, like myself, to improving every single aspect of the healthcare experience: affordability, transportation, communication, equitability, and improving healthcare outcomes. Health policy and organized medicine is a natural extension of my conviction to medicine, and I am proud to work with fellow AMA members who want the best for our patients and fellow physicians.