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Residency program: Danbury Hospital Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program

Fellowship Program: Boston Medical Center Executive Health Equity Fellowship

Specialty: Obstetrics & Gynecology

Statement of Interest

My family history of poverty and a lack of access to health care, combined with my personal experiences as a woman and an immigrant, laid a foundation for my development as a tireless advocate for change. I joined the AMA and my state medical society as an MD PhD student in the Bronx. My first clinical experience was in our free clinic, serving patients in the poorest congressional district in the United States. As a Health Equity Fellow and an OB/GYN at a Federally Qualified Health Center, I continue to work with an underinsured, uninsured, and undocumented patient population.

I have written and helped pass policy aimed at bettering the health and well-being of my patients, colleagues, and community. These policies have led to real-world actions supporting healthcare workers with DACA status, increasing access to sensitive healthcare for minors, and including pregnant women in clinical trials. As a current Trustee, my experiences as an OB/GYN and a trainee have been valuable as the AMA advocates to protect access to reproductive healthcare.

I have experience and understanding of how our organization functions and how to effectively translate issues into concrete solutions and actions. I am excited to listen to the views of all our members and will continue to vocalize the needs of those that I represent. If reelected to the AMA Board of Trustees, I will continue to advocate for our goals, our patients, and the future of our profession.