

Dear Friends,

THANK YOU! I am extremely humbled and very grateful to the House of Delegates for sending me to the Council on Medical Service. I would like to thank my fellow candidates, Dr. Harry Ajrawat and Dr. Michael Simon for a fair, well run race.

Thank you to my home delegation of Massachusetts and my extended home, the New England Delegation—all of you have been outstanding, so reaffirming and so helpful. Specifically, I want to thank all the students and residents both in my practice and here in the House who took the time to teach me, hear me and help me become a better advocate for the patients we all serve.

Although, many individuals assisted with my campaign, and I cannot mention them all, I do want to thank Doctor David Rosman, my campaign manager for your counsel and wise guidance.

I very much look forward to my service to this house of medicine on the AMA Council on Medical Service. I look forward to bringing my experience as a private practice physician and continuing to work to protect our profession and our patients.

All my best,
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Fired up and ready to serve!

It has been the privilege of a lifetime to have the opportunity to run alongside such worthy candidates: Drs. Sherri Baker, Robert Goldberg, and Krystal Lynne, for a seat on the Council on Medical Education, with the endorsement of Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), Great Lakes States Coalition, American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP), Young Physicians Section, Minority Affairs Section, International Medical Graduates Section, Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati, and the Cincinnati Medical Association. Thank you for your incredibly important part in this successful campaign. Your endorsements, in themselves, were an honor to receive. They brought with them the integrity of your work, and for that I'm indebted to you. I look forward to representing your interests with clarity and credibility.

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To the delegations and caucuses which took time out of incredibly busy schedules to interview me, thank you! Getting to know your issues of concern gives me glimpse of the landscape of advocacy that needs to be addressed on your behalf.

I look forward to being available for your medical education interests and concerns while working to exceed your expectations on behalf of our Council on Medical Education.

Extra special thank you to Dr. Roger Brown and his team for keeping everything so organized and fair!

With deepest gratitude,
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My most heartfelt gratitude to this house for your vote of confidence in me for re-election to our Council on Science and Public Health. It has been an honor to serve, and I promise to continue to do the work of council to the best of my ability. It is truly an honor, and I am humbled.

My gratitude to Dr Kasandra Scales, my campaign manager, and all of the ACOG section council for their faith in me, all of their hard work and support. It is an honor to serve with you. Thank you to Ohio and Great Lakes for their support and always welcoming me and all you have done to help me grow.

I am looking forward to when we can meet together in person once again.

Thank you,
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(and to the AMA staff, THANK YOU)
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Thank you to our AMA House of Delegates for renewing your confidence in me by electing me to serve our organization for another four years.

It has been a privilege to chat with so many of you, albeit virtually, over the course of the past few weeks.

I will do my best to represent you and the physicians of this country to the best of my ability.

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My parents came to this great country 51 years ago with residency positions and not much else. Our profession has allowed them to find happiness in life and I see it as my duty to work to improve it for all of us.

Gratefully,
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