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RE: Endorsement of Dr. Alec Calac, AMA Minority Affairs Section Governing Council

Dear American Medical Association (AMA) Medical Student Section Governing Council:

We write in support of Student Doctor Alec Calac’s candidacy to serve on the Minority Affairs Section Governing Council.

His advocacy in the American Medical Association directly supports our mission to continually nurture a balance of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being among our nine-federally recognized tribal governments and the American Indian/Alaska Native population in north San Diego County.

The Indian Health Council is a Tribal Healthcare System that collectively represents clinical and support divisions delivering integrated care including Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health, Pharmacy, Social Services, Health Promotion and Research/Student Development. IHC operates under the guidance of its Administration Department and delivers services at two Health Centers dedicated to the wellness of our Tribal Community.

We depend on Tribal leaders, policymakers, and advocates like Mr. Calac to bring attention to the unique health needs of the American Indian and Alaska Native population, ensuring that we can provide safe, effective, and comprehensive health care services.

We are impressed with his ability to steward policy on a wide range of issues, including tribal electronic health record modernization, purchased and referred care expansion, cultural leave for American Indian and Alaska Native trainees, and more.

This letter serves as our unqualified endorsement for Mr. Calac to represent the interests and priorities of the nation’s medical students on the AMA Minority Affairs Section Governing Council.

Thank you for your consideration of his candidacy.

Sincerely,

Orvin Hanson
Chief Executive Officer