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American Medical Association (AMA)  
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To Whom It May Concern:

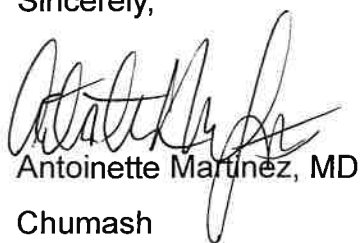
This letter is regarding my nomination of Alec Calac to serve as the Medical Student Member of the AMA Minority Affairs Section Governing Council. As a member of the California Medical Association (CMA) Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee, and now as member of the CMA Ethnic Medical Organization Section, I have been witness to Alec's advocacy and leadership within the CMA, AMA-MSS, AMA-HOD, and PacWest Delegation. Of note, the CMA holds him in high regard and previously endorsed his candidacy to serve as the AMA Medical Student Trustee.

As a Family Medicine and Obstetrics physician for United Indian Health Services, Inc., a tribal health clinic which provides primary care services to numerous Indigenous tribes within Humboldt and Del Norte counties in Northern California, I appreciate Mr. Calac's ability to serve as a role model on a local, state and national basis. He has willingly volunteered and presented at our local youth health career programs. I also serve as Co-Director of Tribal Health PRIME at the UC Davis School of Medicine, and am on the Executive Board for the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP). Alec has served as President for the Association of Native American Medical Students (ANAMS) and demonstrated strong leadership and advocacy for minority health issues. He has clearly demonstrated a passion for teaching medical and premed students, and in mentoring them to develop advocacy skills.

Finally, Alec lead the charge for expansion of the University of California (UC) Programs in Medical Education (PRIME) Initiative. His leadership resulted in \$12.9 million in appropriations to all UC PRIME programs, increasing funding for medical student fellowship positions, and for the new PRIME programs focused on African, Black, and Caribbean (UC Riverside and UC Irvine), as well as the Indigenous/Tribal Health programs (UC San Diego and UC Davis). His impact is beyond measure at this stage of his career, and I am proud to serve as his mentor.

I am completely confident in Alec Calac's ability to steward the interests and priorities of the AMA-MSS as a voting member of the AMA Minority Affairs Section Governing Council, and I encourage you to seriously consider his application and the impactful body of work that he has already accomplished.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antoinette Martinez', is written over the printed name.

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