



*AMA-MSS Standing Committee on American Indian Affairs  
Established in 2021 to Serve Indigenous Peoples*

Dear MSS Governing Council:

The undersigned members of your Standing Committee on American Indian Affairs, representing 8 Tribal Nations and 5 Regions, wish to convey our support of Student Doctor Alec Calac to serve as the **Minority Affairs Section Governing Council Medical Student Member**.

Our Founding Chair has unquestionably advanced the status of our Standing Committee as a leading force within the MSS and earned the respect of numerous delegations within the House as a student-leader, voice for organizational change, and consensus-builder. He has also been recognized as an AMA-MSS Mentor of the Year, AMA-MSS Region 1 Excellence in Advocacy Honoree, and 40 Under 40 Leader in Minority Health by the National Minority Quality Forum.

Signed:

1. *Hailey Baker, Cherokee Nation, University of Minnesota Medical School, Region 2*
2. *Anna Klunk, Red Lake Nation, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Region 6*
3. *Meagan Chriswell, Cherokee Nation, University of Colorado SOM, Region 1*
4. *Tamee Livermont, Oglala Lakota Nation, University of Minnesota Medical School, Region 2*
5. *Courtney Cotsonas, Inupiaq, University of Minnesota Medical School, Region 2*
6. *Emma Grellinger, University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, Region 1*
7. *Donald Bourne, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, University of Pittsburgh, Region 6*
8. *Michael Shukis, Choctaw Nation, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Region 5*
9. *Brianna Irons, Chickasaw Nation, University of California San Diego SOM, Region 1*
10. *Melody Brown-Clark, Cherokee Nation, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Region 2*
11. *Sarah Abernathy, Choctaw Nation, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Region 6*
12. *Katie Wilson, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, University of Minnesota, Region 2*
13. *Madison Whitekiller, Cherokee Nation, University of Oklahoma - Tulsa School of Community Medicine, Region 3*
14. *Ashton Glover Gatewood, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University - COM at Cherokee Nation, Region 3*
15. *Giselle Ghabussi, Lincoln Memorial University-Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, Region 4*
16. *Drayton Harvey, USC Keck School of Medicine, Region 1*
17. *Sefonobong Obot, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science- Chicago Medical School, Region 2*
18. *Morgan Johnson, University of Minnesota Medical School, Region 2*

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Hailey Baker and Anna Klunk if you have any questions.