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Subject: Endorsement for Michael DellaVecchia, MD, PhD, FACS, FICS, FCPP -
AMA Senior Physicians Section

Dear Members of our AMA:

On behalf of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, we are writing to enthusiastically endorse Dr. DellaVecchia who is seeking re-election to an officer-at-large position on the AMA Senior Physicians Section Governing Council.

Dr. DellaVecchia is an individual of exceptional caliber whose extensive contributions to medical practice and medical science make him a prime candidate for this leadership role within the Senior Physicians Section. His active involvement in the Ophthalmology Caucus at the AMA House of Delegates showcases his commitment to advancing policies that reflect the wealth of experience, dedication, and wisdom that senior physicians bring to the medical community.

Dr. DellaVecchia is not only an esteemed member of our Academy but also a respected authority in the medical field. His policy insights, rooted in decades of experience, have been tempered by a profound commitment to the profession. Respected institutions such as the FDA, NASA, and Sarnoff Laboratories have sought his counsel, underscoring the trust placed in his expertise.

As a trustee or director for various institutions, including the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and Philadelphia County Medical Society (past President), Dr. DellaVecchia has consistently demonstrated leadership excellence. His recent election as the District Trustee to the Pennsylvania Medical Society in the fall of 2023 is a testament to the continued trust and

confidence his peers place in his ability to lead. Moreover, Dr. DellaVecchia served as the 171st President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) from 2020-2021, demonstrating his capacity to navigate complex healthcare landscapes effectively. His role on the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons and as a Delegate to the American Medical Association's House of Delegates further attests to his commitment to shaping the future of healthcare.

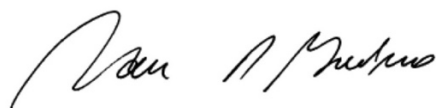
Dr. DellaVecchia brings a unique background to his leadership roles, combining three residencies and a fellowship with advanced degrees in engineering and physics. His research emphasis on medical devices and photonics, coupled with several patents, numerous articles, and national and international presentations, adds a distinct and valuable perspective to the policy-making process.

In addition to his impressive record, Dr. DellaVecchia is actively involved in public health initiatives, serving on the Philadelphia Opioid Task Force and contributing to various institutions' public health sections.

In conclusion, Dr. DellaVecchia is a leader of great distinction and a stalwart advocate for senior physicians. His wealth of experience, coupled with his strategic vision, positions him as an invaluable asset to the AMA Senior Physicians Section and the House of Medicine. We wholeheartedly endorse his candidacy and believe his contributions will further elevate the impact of the Senior Physicians Section.

Thank you for considering our endorsement of Dr. DellaVecchia. Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss this endorsement further, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



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