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To Whom It May Concern,

I appreciate the opportunity to write to you in support of Dr. Ved Gossain for as an Officer at-large for the Senior Physician Section of the AMA. I am the current Governor of the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Physicians (MI-ACP) where Dr. Gossain has been an elected member of the Governor's Council since 2006 and has served on the MI-ACP Awards Committee since 2010 before transitioning into the role as Chair of the Committee in 2020.

As I review the website, the role of the Senior Physicians Section is described as a group that is charged with giving voice to and advocating for the issues that impact senior physicians, working part time, full time or retired. I can't think of an individual who would be a better fit for this position than Dr. Ved Gossain. Dr. Gossain's CV reflects his leadership in medicine through his career. He has served in Departmental leadership roles as the Vice Chair, as the Division Chief of Endocrinology and as the Program Director of the Endocrinology Fellowship Program and was recognized with a Named Professorship from 2005-2016 before transitioning into an emeritus role. He has served on countless committees including clinical affairs, educational committees, and search committees responsible for selecting the next leaders for the organization. These experiences speak both to Ved's commitment to the profession and the thoughtful approach that he brings to important conversations. In our work together within MI-ACP over the past two years we have had a chance to reconsider and redesign the awards selection process for the Chapter. We began by gathering the key historical information, meeting with stakeholders, codifying and updating the information that we wanted to use for the named lectures within the Chapter and developing an open call to gather broad input from members. Dr. Gossain borrowed from his experience in grant review and designed a process for review of nominated candidate that included a primary and secondary reviewer and led the committee through a new process of presentation and discussion of candidates that resulted in consensus on the MI-ACP Chapter award recipients for the year. Ved's vast experience and understanding of the traditions of the Awards Committee within the Chapter were instrumental in this transition. As I review his CV, he brings this same depth of experience to his role to the Senior Physicians Section through his work with the AMA over the years.

I know that advocacy is an area that both the AMA and MI-ACP Chapter share interest in. I have personally benefitted from the way that Dr. Gossain engages in these discussions within our Chapter. He finds the right balance of asking questions to understand important ideas and is willing to share his perspective but does so in a way that demonstrates respect for those who have differing opinions. Dr. Gossain's example in this space is important for other members of our organizations to see modeled and opens the lines of communication in times when there may be a difference of opinion.

In summary, I appreciate the collegial nature that Dr. Gossain brings to MI-ACP as a professional organization. He is thoughtful in his approach to conversations, open to new ideas, uses his influence for the betterment of the organization and helps to build bridges that

our leadership team and organization benefits from. I can't think of a better candidate to fill the role of Officer at-large for the Senior Physician Section. If there are additional questions, I can help with please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Hartley', written over a thin horizontal line.

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