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Dedication is second nature to me. Contribution to the hard work of the Ohio State Medical Association at the state and national level is an honor I take very seriously. Whether it is advocating in the halls of Congress regarding front-burner issues for Ohio physicians, serving as Chair of the OSMA Reference Committee at our annual meeting or chairing our OSMA Nominating Committee, I devote the time and energy to carry our message forward. Amplifying our message with fidelity is a critically important role for any delegate - one that I take great pride in. Being a member of delegation means being part of a well-oiled, organized machine. One has to master all of OSMA's resolutions sent forward to the American Medical Association (AMA); collaborate with delegates from other states to magnify our voice; and distill information into clear testimony to be used as the basis for new national policy. My experience over the years as a delegate has sharpened my skillset in each of those areas as I have led this charge for the Great Lakes States Coalition as an elected member of the AMA Council on Medical Education. I look forward to effectively articulating your positions to move our organization's agenda forward.

My contribution to the delegation has been informed from a unique set of perspectives. As an Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education, I serve a community of close to 1000 residents, fellows, program directors and program coordinators in over 100 programs across all specialties at a major academic health system. As incoming Chair of the Family Review Committee for the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), I am immersed in the interprofessional learning environment and regulations that protect the education of our future physicians and keep our patients safe. I have had the opportunity to delve into the body of evidence on how to teach medical professionals via a Masters in Health Professions Education (MPHE) from a top 5 medical school. As Chief of Staff and a private practicing physician, I advocated for a cohort of 700 physicians and was fortunate to lead the charge on overhauling quality and patient safety at our hospital. As a *Hedwig van Ameringen* Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) fellow, I have access to the full network of women leaders in academic medicine to amplify and facilitate the work of the medical students, resident and fellow trainees, and the physicians of Ohio.

Additionally, as a keynote speaker at a recent Annual OSMA meeting, it has been my privilege to keep our membership and our patients informed about key issues around this pandemic including addressing critical conversations around vaccine hesitancy and inequitable distribution. As a result of those and many other experiences, I am grateful for the support OSMA has given me to exercise the privilege of successfully representing Ohio and working with collaborative stakeholders. I welcome the opportunity to continue to represent your ideals of clinical and educational excellence for our OSMA at the state and national levels.

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I, **Lou Edje, MD, MHPE, FAAFP**, ask for your vote to continue to work hard on your behalf as a DELEGATE to the American Medical Association