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Personal Statement

Serving as the alternate delegate to the AMA for Ohio feels like a natural progression for me to become more involved in health policy and advocacy. My journey started at the state level with my specialty society and then I became Councilor-At-Large for the OSMA. That experience convinced me that I wanted to take my efforts to the national level and learn more about the AMA. Over the past year, I have served as an AMA alternate delegate and it has been an educational experience. Unfortunately, with the changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, I was only able to get a virtual taste of the AMA. However, that experience left me wanting more and created a strong desire to continue my role as an alternate delegate.

It is truly my passion to listen to others and help debate and create policy. It energizes me to hear concerns from my colleagues and to work together to find a solution. I am a problem solver and an unbridled optimist by nature. The challenges we face as a profession can be overwhelming and seem impossible, but organized medicine offers the opportunity to truly make a difference. Serving as the alternate delegate again would allow me to improve my knowledge of the AMA and foster my skills in advocacy on the national level. More importantly, it would afford me the honor of representing my colleagues and contributing to Ohio's voice at the AMA.