

Friends of the Ohio State Medical Association:

I am excited to announce my candidacy to be a delegate to the American Medical Association!

Since becoming involved in organized medicine as a first-year medical student in 2010, I have had the opportunity to lead at all levels across multiple states, including Chair of the American Medical Association Resident and Fellow Section (2020-2021) and current Chair of our OSMA's Young Physician Section (2022-present). These experiences, along with my current experience as an Alternate Delegate on the delegation will enable to me contribute to our delegation in a number of ways:

- 1) **Coordination with other delegations/caucuses:** Through my prior leadership roles, I have developed relationships with many other voting blocs in the AMA that are critical to help promote Ohio policies and candidates.
- 2) **Increasing transparency to the OSMA:** As one of the writers of our delegation's report back to our OSMA, we work to provide a concise, relevant summary of pertinent updates from AMA meetings.
- 3) **Some of my policy priorities:**
 - a) **Medical Practice:** As a medical oncologist, prior authorization reform is very important to me. I see multiple patients per day who face delays in obtaining life-prolonging medications because of the unnecessary burden of our current prior authorization process.
 - b) **Medical Education:** As a recent AMA RFS Chair, I can still relate to the challenges our trainees face. We cannot make meaningful improvement to trainee well-being without addressing systems in medical education. Focusing on resilience training alone is like telling a canary in the coal mine that the solution to achieve wellness is to become a more resilient canary.
 - c) **Public Health:** Where I practice in urban Cleveland, I am acutely aware of the health disparities that many of my patients face, and our role as physicians to address these systemic barriers so that all of our patients can access high-quality, evidence-based care.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope I can earn your support.

Chris