Marla Haller, D.O., FAPWCA, CMD Personal Statement

It is with humble appreciation to have represented District 8 as the OSMA Council member since 2019. I would be honored to be elected to serve as Councilor-at-Large to continue to serve and advocate for all physicians in the great State of Ohio.

My journey in healthcare began with a passion for patient-centered care and evolved into a commitment to fostering collaboration among colleagues. Serving as Councilor-at-Large for the Ohio State Medical Association is an opportunity to continue to build on that commitment by strengthening our professional community and advocating for the issues that matter to our members such as medical liability, political advocacy, education, and physician leadership to name a few of the areas.

Throughout my career, I have been privileged to work in diverse clinical environments that have both challenged and enriched my understanding of medicine. From private practice, to being part of multidisciplinary teams, to post-acute care, to mentoring young physicians, I have seen firsthand the importance of unity, clear communication, and compassionate leadership. These experiences have underscored my belief that effective advocacy and support start at the grassroots level—by truly listening to our peers and understanding their everyday challenges.

My approach to leadership is rooted in collaboration and transparency. I believe that every member of our association brings a unique perspective that can help shape innovative solutions to the complex issues we face today. Whether it is navigating the intricacies of healthcare policy or improving patient outcomes through best practices, I am committed to creating open channels of communication between practitioners and the association's leadership. By championing inclusiveness and fostering an environment where ideas are freely exchanged, I intend to help drive forward meaningful changes that benefit both our members and the broader community.

I am deeply honored to be considered for the position of Councilor-at-Large for the Ohio State Medical Association. I see this role as both a privilege and a responsibility—to serve as a trusted intermediary who listens, communicates, and acts in the best interests of our members. Together, we can ensure that our association remains a beacon of support, advocacy, and progress in the ever-changing landscape of healthcare.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to work collaboratively with all members to shape a future where our profession continues to thrive, and every voice is not only heard, but actively engaged in steering the course of our collective success.

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