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Resident and Fellow Section American Medical Association 5330 N. Wabash Ave., Suite 39300 Chicago, IL 60611-5885

RE: Hussein Antar, MD, MPH - Endorsement for AMA-RFS Chair-elect

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Medical Society Resident and Fellow Section (MMS-RFS), it is my privilege to write this letter endorsing Hussein Antar, MD, MPH, for AMA-RFS Chair-elect.

Dr. Antar is an active and valued member of the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) and currently serves as the Chair of the MMS Resident Fellow Section Governing Council, as well as being a member of the MMS Committee on Nominations and the MMS House of Delegates. He has attended every AMA meeting since 2018 and has held multiple offices in both the AMA Resident Fellow Section and the AMA Medical Student Section, including being a member of the AMA-RFS delegation to the AMA HOD for the past two years; serving as the medical student to the AMA Council on Medical Service; being a member of the AMA-MSS delegation to the AMA HOD for three years (and as chair of the MSS delegation for one of those years); and serving on the MSS Committee on Long Range Planning and Development, as well as the MSS Committee on Legislation.

On a state and national level, Dr. Antar has shown an unwavering commitment to leadership and advocacy and has worked tirelessly to be a strong voice for resident and fellow issues. He brought together a diverse coalition of trainees and attending physicians from different states, specialties, and career stages to protect access to health care around the globe, especially during humanitarian disasters and times of conflict, and protecting the health care workforce and the sanctity of hospitals during these conflicts. He advocated for refining race and ethnicity categories in health care settings to include "Middle Eastern/ North African" to better reflect the diversity of patients and workforce, which is now officially OMB policy. He also worked to improve access to care as a member of the AMA CMS, specifically pushing for increased efforts to address maternal mortality, the streamlining EHR and prescription connections, and improving elder care services in the US, among others.

Additionally, outside of organized medicine, Dr. Antar worked briefly in the office of the chair of healthcare finance in the Massachusetts Senate, specifically focusing on <u>a bill</u> that was ultimately signed into law, aiming to increase access to mental health services in the state.

With a dedication towards the future of our profession, Dr. Antar seeks to engage physicians and build relationships; and with a proven track record that shows a commitment to leadership and advocacy, he is exactly the sort of person we need guiding our AMA-RFS. Please join the MMS-RFS in enthusiastically supporting the candidacy of Hussein Antar, MD, MPH for AMA-RFS Chair-elect.

Best regards,
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