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To my fellow Physicians:

I would like to introduce myself to new members and reintroduce myself to my friends and colleagues. I am excited to let you know that I am asking for your support as I run for a second term as Secretary of the Medical Association of Georgia. This past year has been witness to unprecedented times. COVID-19 has stretched us both professionally and personally. While we have prepared ourselves for many years to provide excellent medical care to our patients, COVID-19 has shown us that new threats and challenges are always around the corner. We learn something new on almost a daily basis with this new viral threat and a worldwide pandemic of historic proportions. Our skills and talents have been tested every day as we tap into the science and art of being physicians.

For the last few decades the medical profession has been attacked from all directions. Professionals in non-medical fields such as lawyers, politicians, insurance carriers/payors have invaded the doctor-patient relationship in a multitude of ways. Allied health professionals repeatedly intrude on our scope of practice, constantly pushing the limits of what their education and license allow. Physicians are experiencing record-high burn-out, dissatisfaction, and suicide rates. Higher premiums, less access and coverage of services, and difficulty with getting appointments to see us for their care are only a few of the concerns we hear from our patients. Physicians must address these issues in a unified voice so that we can get back to the practice of Medicine. MAG is the best way for Georgia physicians to achieve this!

I will use the following credentials to serve MAG and our membership as your Secretary:

- ◇ Vice President of Medical Affairs/Hospital CMO and Physician Advisor for Wellstar Douglas Hospital in Douglasville, Georgia
- ◇ Board Certified in Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics
- ◇ Secretary of the Medical Association of Georgia
- ◇ Georgia Composite Medical Board (appointed by Governor Kemp)
- ◇ FACHE from the American College of Healthcare Executives
- ◇ Certified Physician Executive status through the American Association of Physician Leaders
- ◇ Executive Healthcare MBA from George Washington University
- ◇ Medical Degree from the UAG and New York Medical College
- ◇ Pharmacy degree from the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy, LIU
- ◇ President of the Medical Staff for Wellstar Cobb Hospital from 2011-2013
- ◇ Medical Director of the Pediatric Emergency Departments of Wellstar Cobb and Paulding Hospitals, 2000-2015
- ◇ Past President of the Cobb County Medical Society

- ◇ Georgia Physician Leadership Academy, Class VIII. For my project I created a video called Opioid Addiction and The Think About It Campaign. It is now required that all Wellstar Medical Staff view the video as part of their appointment and reappointment to the medical staff.
- ◇ MAG Task Force on Opioid, Medical Cannabis Task Force and Physician/Healthcare Workforce Resiliency Task Force
- ◇ Wellstar Opioid Steering Committee
- ◇ Chair of the Wellstar Community and Physician Opioid Awareness Committee

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve you as the Secretary of MAG.

I ask for your vote as I run for a second term as Secretary. I will use this second term to expand the experience and learning from first term to make MAG and our membership even greater. I hope in the future to ask for your vote as President of MAG.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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