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Dear Colleagues,

It is with much excitement and great respect that I ask for your vote and support allowing me to serve as your 2nd Vice President for the Medical Association of Georgia's Executive Leadership Committee.

In a world still besieged by COVID, it is easy to see how burnout is disrupting the health care workforce. Medical resources are trending down, and behavioral health challenges are trending up. My goal is to lead the way to an atmosphere focused on combating clinician turnover.

I received my medical degree from LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans and completed my surgical training at LSU in the Charity Hospital system including a year at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Massachusetts.

As a board-certified surgeon with over 30 years of private practice, I have been fortunate enough to represent the medical community through various forums and projects:

- Chairman of the Board and previous past president of the Medical Association of Atlanta
- Member of the MAG Board
- Member of MAG Physician/Health Care Resilience Task Force
- Chairman's Circle level supporter of GAMPAC
- Instrumental in the creation of the MAA LifeBridge Physician Wellness Program
- Helped spearhead the MAA Town Hall Meeting on Vaping
- Member of the physician coalition that presented and petitioned for the new vaping legislation passed in the State of Georgia
- Co-founder and Secretary of *The Yonkofa Project*, bringing sustainable health care to the underserved in Ghana

As your 2nd Vice President, I look forward to leading MAG into a post-COVID period where physician resilience is of utmost importance. Many may feel depleted, mentally distanced from or even cynical about their role as a physician. It is my passion to help avoid burnout or deal with its consequences in the medical field. I will be your voice concerning legislative issues that impact the care you provide and the communities you serve.

Thank you for your support!

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