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Department of Emergency Medicine

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Dear MAG House of Delegates,

My name is Shamie Das, and I practice Emergency Medicine at Emory University and serve as an AMA Alternate Delegate for the Medical Association of Georgia – you.

The past few years have strained our healthcare system in unimaginable ways. Personally and professionally, each of us has endured and continue to endure struggles in the pursuit of our shared passion – easing the suffering of our patients and communities. If anything, these times have re-affirmed my belief that together we are stronger – as physicians, as family, and as a community. Despite the challenges we’ve faced, we have also witnessed progress. The contributions of the MAG AMA Delegation have improved our ability to care for each other and our patients at both the AMA and here at MAG – but much work remains.

Our diversity lends to a deeper understanding of the issues that face us. Central to our calling is the sanctity of the physician-patient relationship. No matter your practice setting or specialty, it is this core value that enables us to work collaboratively towards our common goals rather than be divided by the innumerable interests that threaten this relationship. By working together we will find solutions that specifically fit the needs of patients and physicians *in Georgia*. As practicing physicians, we understand these challenges and have always been best-suited to lead.

As an emergency physician, I practice team-based health care delivery, whether it means calling our interventional cardiologist for a patient presenting with a STEMI or calling my patient’s family physician to confirm follow up. Similarly, as your representative, I continue to rely on your insights and expertise since effective health policy requires the same team-based approach. I have had the fortune of developing relationships within the AMA for more than 14 years and have served on reference committees, as a Sectional Delegate to the HOD, and on the Resident and Fellow Section governing council. It is there that I learned the value of teamwork and the importance of surrounding oneself with the brightest minds. Similarly, I have learned and continue to learn from you, my colleagues at MAG, about the unique needs of our patients and communities in Georgia.

In addition to advocacy work, I stay busy as a father of four, two school-age girls and twin toddler boys! My wife, a communications specialist at the CDC, and I enjoy travelling the world and are yearning to travel once more. Like many of you, we enjoy summer trips to the gulf coast and seeing the leaves change color in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Having grown up in a restaurant kitchen, I’m an avid foodie and aspiring chef. In another life, I’d be a photographer for *National Geographic*.

Since joining MAG as a resident, I have had the distinguished honor of assisting our MAG AMA Delegation in the handbook review process which has made me well versed in both our AMA and MAG Policy Compendiums and allowed me to be most effective at AMA meetings. As your Alternate Delegate to the AMA, I pledge to continue expanding the influence of our delegation, mentoring future leaders within MAG, strengthening our membership pipeline, and always placing our patients first. **I ask for your vote** on October 22nd in Savannah at the MAG House of Delegates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shamie Das".

Shamie Das, MD, MBA, MPH, FACEP



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Dear MAG Delegates and Alternate Delegates,

The Medical Association of Atlanta is honored to endorse Dr. Shamie Das, MD, MBA, MPH for election at the MAG House of Delegates for the position of Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association for the coming year.

Dr. Das has been active in organized medicine in many capacities and has served on the MAA Board of Directors since 2018. He has been a champion for both membership development and working with other MAA members to address complex issues, including scope of practice, advocating for patient-centered care and physician-led teams. Dr. Das is a graduate of MAG's Georgia Physician Leadership Academy (GPLA) and the Georgia College of Emergency Physicians (GCEP) Leadership and Advocacy Fellowship as well as other leadership development programs throughout his training, including obtaining a Master's degree in Business Administration during medical school. Working with MAG physicians from across the state, Dr. Das has helped reinvigorate the Resident & Fellow and the Young Physician Sections of MAG, fostering greater diversity and representation.

Dr. Das has been an active AMA member since 2008 and has attended nearly 20 AMA meetings. This longitudinal participation has prepared Dr. Das to represent MAG in the AMA's House of Delegates. His familiarity with parliamentary procedure and structure of the AMA meetings serves as an asset as there is a steep learning curve involved to becoming an effective advocate at the national level. His possession of institutional memory within the AMA will also assist MAG in achieving its objectives of improving healthcare for Georgians. Most importantly, Dr. Das has been developing relationships with AMA physician leaders from across the country for more than a decade. He believes the current state of healthcare is unsustainable and influenced by many who lack the bedside perspective. He recognizes that the AMA is far from perfect, but that MAG is most effective when our members are engaged.

It is my privilege to recommend Dr. Das for the position of Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association.

Sincerely,

Fonda Mitchell, MD, MBA