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Members of the Board and Delegates of the Medical Association of Georgia,

I would like to announce that I am running for the position of Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association representing the Medical Association of Georgia. I have enjoyed the opportunity of representing you at the AMA as we try to make our voice heard across the country. I have met a number of fine colleagues around the country who are sympathetic with our interests and had enjoyed building a network of physicians that would help us in our policy making. Specifically, I have worked hard to move our Resolution for Distracted Driving to the forefront of our educational debate as we try to make America's roadways safer and keep our families out of harm's way.

I have enjoyed working with you in making Georgia a safer and better place for us to live and practice medicine. With the help of Dr. Tom Price, we passed the good Samaritan law which protects those of us who use automatic external defibrillators to save our fellow man's lives. This allowed the widespread use of defibrillators throughout Georgia including playing fields of many arenas. In addition to the Distracted Driving law which has saved many lives across our state, together we passed House Bill 454 which forced the insurance companies to honor their contracts with the patients and not "bait and switch" them so they can use the patients to negotiate higher profits off of the backs of doctors and hospitals. I am currently working with your leadership to help with tort reform in Georgia and to make insurance companies liable for patient care that they impact by requiring prior authorization. It would be my great pleasure to help carry this reform up to the level of the American Medical Association with the support of the Medical Association of Georgia.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this position and ask for your vote to continue.

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