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	Resolution No. 7 – 2025
ntroduced by:	Albert L Hsu
ubject:	Supporting and Promoting AMA Member Physicians and Physician Spouses as Candidates for Local, State and Federal Office
eferred to:	Resolutions Committee No. 1
	, medicine is under assault from all sides – from insurance companies to trial state and federal regulation, and
	, the 118th United States Congress (which began on 1/3/23 and ended on 9 public laws; this contrasts with approximately 16,000 items of state legislation $^{\rm 3}$ and
	, we do not have enough physicians in political office, on the local, state or we should support our physician members who run for office; and
	, our medical societies have political action committees (such as AMPAC for andidates running for office; and
	, AMPAC holds an annual "Candidate Workshop and Campaign School" to running for elected offices; ⁴ and
	, there are few mechanisms to enable physician members of our state and ocieties to network when running for state and federal office; and
	, partly due to high educational debt loads, physicians have traditionally had a o candidates for local, state, and federal offices; and
	, those of us who have more time than money can help candidates for elected er time and social media support (retweeting, likes, etc) for those candidates;
	, candidates for political office are interested in meeting potential donors, as who may be willing to volunteer to support their campaigns with volunteer time upport; and
	, there is currently no "central repository" that lists physicians running for state n the United States; and
	, non-member physicians who are running for local, state or federal office ged to join the AMA and/or their state medical societies; and

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References:

 WHEREAS, in this age of social media, it should be relatively easy to set up membersonly websites with lists of physicians and physician spouses who are running for elected offices, and

WHEREAS, it may be necessary for publicity of candidates for federal office to be a function of AMPAC and not the AMA (due to tax implications, legal concerns, etc); and

WHEREAS, AMPAC and/or our AMA leaders may also determine that certain physicians or physician spouses who are running for elected office, may not merit this recognition; and

WHEREAS, AMPAC and/or our AMA leaders may also determine that certain words or actions of certain physicians or physician spouses who are running for elected office, should merit removal from such lists; and

WHEREAS, given limited resources and bandwidth, it is likely that this proposal should be a collaborative effort between AMPAC and the Political Action Committees (PACs) of our state and specialty societies; and

WHEREAS, such a "vetting process" would likely consume valuable time and resources, such that AMPAC and/or AMA should consider whether the benefit outweighs the cost of doing this; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) and AMA study the feasibility and desirability of working together with AMPAC (and state medical society/specialty society PACs, as appropriate) to publicize AMA physician members and physician spouses running for state, federal, and local offices (on AMA and/or OSMA websites), to help enable physicians and trainees to donate money, to contribute volunteer time, and to provide social media support for their campaigns; with a report back at A-26; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our OSMA and American Medical Association (AMA) encourage AMA sections and caucuses to consider establishing a policy or protocol to allow (by invitation) AMA members running for local, state or federal offices to briefly address those groups directly, either virtually or in-person; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our OSMA and American Medical Association (AMA) collaborate with other interested organizations to facilitate opportunities for AMA physician-member and physician-spouse elected officials (at the local, state, and federal levels) to connect, exchange ideas, collaborate, and support each other to protect our patients and our practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our OSMA forward this resolution to AMA-HOD at A-25.

Fiscal Note: \$ 500 (Sponsor)

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1. Presentation on "Overview of State Legislatures, Policy, and Politics" at 2025 AMA State Advocacy Summit; Carlsbad, CA. Fri 10 Jan 2025

- 2. Presentation on "A Conversation with State Legislators" at 2025 AMA State Advocacy Summit; Carlsbad, CA. Fri 10 Jan 2025
- 3. "Statutes at Large and Public Laws" at congress.gov: https://www.congress.gov/public-laws/118th-congress; accessed 1/11/25
- 4. AMPAC Candidate Workshop and Campaign School, at https://www.ampaconline.org/political-education/candidate-workshop-and-campaign-school-application; accessed 1/11/25

AMA physician members and spouses in state legislatures (2024-2025, *NOT* a comprehensive list):

Name	State	Position in State Legislature	AMA role			
Megan Srinivas, MD	Iowa (IA)	State Representative (District 30)	Former AMA Delegate, Former RFS Member of Council on Medical Service			
	Iowa State House website: State Representative https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/legislator?personID=33973&ga=91					
	Campaign website: Megan Srinivas for Iowa House District 30 https://www.megan4iowa.com/					
George Hruza, MD	Missouri (MO)	State Representative (District 089)	AMA Alt Delegate (for Missouri, also former MSMA/state medical society president, former AAD/national specialty society president)			
	Missouri State House website: https://house.mo.gov/memberdetails.aspx?district=089&year=2025&code=F Campaign website: George Hruza for State Representative https://hruzaformissouri.com/					
Trinidad Tellez, MD	New Hampshire (NH)	State Representative (District 40)	Spouse = Travis Harker, MD (AMA Delegate for NH)			
	New Hampshire State House website: The New Hampshire House of Representatives https://gc.nh.gov/house/members/member.aspx?pid=10820 Facebook page (no website for campaign contributions): https://www.facebook.com/share/156VQXHwpH/?mibextid=wwXlfr					

Deborah Ferguso n	Arkansas (AS)	State (District		Spouse = Scott Ferguson, MD (AMA Board of Trustees member)		
	Arkansas State House website: Representative Deborah Ferguson (D Arkansas State Legislature Facebook page (no website for campaign contributions): Deborah Ferguson for Arkansas Facebook					

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY - G-640.025

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Encourage Physicians as Legislative Candidates G-640.025

Topic: Governance Policy Subtopic: Advocacy and

Political Action

Meeting Type: Annual
Action: Consolidated
Type: Governance Policies

Council & Committees: Council on Additional Councils

Constitution and Bylaws Committees: CLRPD

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1. Our American Medical Association will continue to identify, encourage, and support physicians to run as state and national legislative **candidates**.

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2. Our AMA will not use AMA corporate treasury funds to engage in.

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- 115 Policy Timeline
- 116 Res. 605, A-14Consolidated with G-645.015: CCB/CLRPD Rep. 01, A-24

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