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50       **WHEREAS**, in this age of social media, it should be relatively easy to set up members-  
51 only websites with lists of physicians and physician spouses who are running for elected offices,  
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54       **WHEREAS**, it may be necessary for publicity of candidates for federal office to be a  
55 function of AMPAC and not the AMA (due to tax implications, legal concerns, etc); and  
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57       **WHEREAS**, AMPAC and/or our AMA leaders may also determine that certain physicians  
58 or physician spouses who are running for elected office, may not merit this recognition; and  
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60       **WHEREAS**, AMPAC and/or our AMA leaders may also determine that certain words or  
61 actions of certain physicians or physician spouses who are running for elected office, should merit  
62 removal from such lists; and  
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64       **WHEREAS**, given limited resources and bandwidth, it is likely that this proposal should be  
65 a collaborative effort between AMPAC and the Political Action Committees (PACs) of our state  
66 and specialty societies; and  
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68       **WHEREAS**, such a “vetting process” would likely consume valuable time and resources,  
69 such that AMPAC and/or AMA should consider whether the benefit outweighs the cost of doing  
70 this; and therefore be it  
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72       **RESOLVED**, that our Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) and AMA study the  
73 feasibility and desirability of working together with AMPAC (and state medical society/specialty  
74 society PACs, as appropriate) to publicize AMA physician members and physician spouses  
75 running for state, federal, and local offices (on AMA and/or OSMA websites), to help enable  
76 physicians and trainees to donate money, to contribute volunteer time, and to provide social  
77 media support for their campaigns; with a report back at A-26; and be it further  
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79       **RESOLVED**, that our OSMA and American Medical Association (AMA) encourage AMA  
80 sections and caucuses to consider establishing a policy or protocol to allow (by invitation) AMA  
81 members running for local, state or federal offices to briefly address those groups directly, either  
82 virtually or in-person; and be it further  
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84       **RESOLVED**, that our OSMA and American Medical Association (AMA) collaborate with  
85 other interested organizations to facilitate opportunities for AMA physician-member and  
86 physician-spouse elected officials (at the local, state, and federal levels) to connect, exchange  
87 ideas, collaborate, and support each other to protect our patients and our practices; and be it  
88 further  
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90       **RESOLVED**, that our OSMA forward this resolution to AMA-HOD at A-25.  
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92       **Fiscal Note:**       \$ 500 (Sponsor)  
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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: <a href="https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/legislator?personID=33973&amp;ga=91">State Representative https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/legislator?personID=33973&amp;ga=91</a>  Campaign website: <a href="https://www.megan4iowa.com/">Megan Srinivas for Iowa House District 30 https://www.megan4iowa.com/</a>		
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: <a href="https://house.mo.gov/memberdetails.aspx?district=089&amp;year=2025&amp;code=R">https://house.mo.gov/memberdetails.aspx?district=089&amp;year=2025&amp;code=R</a>  Campaign website: <a href="https://hruzaformissouri.com/">George Hruza for State Representative https://hruzaformissouri.com/</a>		
Trinidad Tellez, MD	New Hampshire (NH)	State Representative (District 40)	Spouse = Travis Harker, MD (AMA Delegate for NH)
	New Hampshire State House website: <a href="https://gc.nh.gov/house/members/member.aspx?pid=10820">The New Hampshire House of Representatives https://gc.nh.gov/house/members/member.aspx?pid=10820</a>  Facebook page (no website for campaign contributions): <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/156VQXHwpH/?mibextid=wWxIfR">https://www.facebook.com/share/156VQXHwpH/?mibextid=wWxIfR</a>		

Deborah Ferguson	Arkansas (AS)	State Representative (District 63)	Spouse = Scott Ferguson, MD (AMA Board of Trustees member)
	Arkansas State House website: <a href="#">Representative Deborah Ferguson (D) - Arkansas State Legislature</a>		
	Facebook page (no website for campaign contributions): <a href="#">Deborah Ferguson for Arkansas   Facebook</a>		

## RELEVANT AMA POLICY – G-640.025

Encourage Physicians as Legislative Candidates G-640.025

**Topic:** Governance

**Policy Subtopic:** Advocacy and Political Action

**Meeting Type:** Annual

**Year Last Modified:** 2024

**Action:** Consolidated

**Type:** Governance Policies

**Council & Committees:** Council on Constitution and Bylaws

**Additional Councils & Committees:** CLRPD

1. Our American Medical Association will continue to identify, encourage, and support physicians to run as state and national legislative **candidates**.
2. Our AMA will not use AMA corporate treasury funds to engage in.

Policy Timeline

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