Dear colleagues:

Thank you for this opportunity to address you today. I am running for MSMS President-Elect to be a passionate advocate for positive change within our medical community. As we embark on this journey together, I invite you to join me in shaping the future of healthcare in Michigan.

**Background and Experience**

**Medical Journey:**
With over 35 years of clinical experience in three countries on three continents, I have witnessed the challenges faced by both patients and healthcare providers. Whether practicing in rural clinics or bustling urban hospitals, I’ve dedicated my career to improving access, quality and equity.

**Advocacy:**
I have been a tireless advocate for our colleagues and our patients, engaging with legislators to advocate for policies that prioritize preventive care, mental health services, and physician well-being. Our voices matter, and I pledge to amplify them on a statewide level.

I have been involved with MDPAC for over 10 years, serving as Chair from 2020-2023. During that time, I successfully led the efforts to increase donations, raising triple the amount of funds compared to the previous three years.

**Leadership:**
As the former Chief of Medicine at McLaren Hospital, I led initiatives to enhance patient outcomes, streamline processes, and foster interdisciplinary collaboration. My commitment to evidence-based medicine and patient-centered care drives my every decision.

**Medical Education:**
I was involved in the efforts which at the AMA level simplified Pass/Fail for USMLE 1 which has been adopted nationwide. As a program director of the Internal Medicine program (2017-2020) at McLaren Lansing, I ensured ACGME certification/recognition of the program for dual accreditation.

**MSMS:**
I served nine years on MSMS Board of Directors, participating in campaigns to reform prior authorization; nullify the healthcare tax; expanding Medicaid within the state and increased funding for residency programs in Michigan.

**AMA:**
I became an MSMS delegate to the AMA in 2022 after serving four years as an alternate delegate. I just completed task force work rewriting the bylaws of the AMA International Medical Graduates section.
**Vision for Michigan’s Healthcare**

**Membership:** Let’s work together— the state, counties and specialty societies— to increase the grassroots involvement of our members. Let’s grow individual and group memberships by clearly explaining the value of organized medicine.

**Equity:** Continue to empower the health equity task force to address disparities in healthcare access, outcomes and workforce representation. Let’s bridge the gap between urban and rural healthcare. Telemedicine, community health centers and targeted outreach programs can ensure that every Michigander receives quality care, regardless of their socioeconomic situation or ZIP code.

**Physician Wellness:** Burnout is rampant. We must invest in programs that support our physicians—mind, body, and soul. Happy doctors lead to healthier patients.

**Health Literacy:** Educating our communities about preventive measures, disease management and healthy lifestyles is paramount. Let’s empower patients to be active partners in their well-being.

**Telehealth Expansion:** Advocate for legislation that facilitates telehealth adoption. Let’s break down barriers to virtual care, especially in underserved areas.

**Mental Health Integration:** Collaborate with psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and counselors to create a holistic approach to mental health. Early intervention saves lives.

**Physician Mentorship Programs:** Establish mentorship networks for young physicians. Learning from seasoned colleagues fosters growth and resilience.

**Closing thoughts**

Our shared mission transcends individual interests. It’s about healing, compassion, and the legacy we leave behind. Together, we can elevate Michigan’s medical landscape—one patient, one policy, one breakthrough at a time.

I humbly ask for your trust and your vote. Let’s build a healthier Michigan, united in purpose and unwavering in our commitment to excellence. If you have any further questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at any time at 517-281-6907 or ghoseamit@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,