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RESOLUTION 20-10A

Title: Conflicts of Interest Declaration by Radio and TV Hosts

Introduced by: Ponon Dileep Kumar, MD for the St. Clair County Delegation

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Referred to: Reference Committee C

House Action: No Action

Whereas, several TV hosts and radio personalities have ties to the products or companies mentioned in the program, and

Whereas, an influential psychiatrist hosting a popular radio program was found to have ties with drug makers¹; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work with the Federal Trade Commission and federal legislators to come up with stringent laws to mandate television, radio, and digital media hosts to declare conflicts of interest while dealing with health related topics.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

¹ Harris G. Radio Host Has Drug Company Ties. New York Times. November 21, 2008 (Accessed on February 6, 2010 at <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/22/health/22radio.html>).