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Title: Strengthen Michigan Delegation to the AMA  
Introduced by: Lee Begrow, DO, for the Kent County Delegation  
Original Author: Megan Edison, MD  
Referred to: Reference Committee C  
House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**

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Whereas, our Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) is elected by the MSMS House of Delegates to be our representatives to the AMA, and

Whereas, MSMS membership dues fund the travel expenses of our AMA delegates, although not for all of our newly elected alternate delegates, and

Whereas, the work done throughout the year by our AMA delegates at various national AMA meetings is poorly understood by most MSMS members, and

Whereas, a primary driver behind decreasing membership in MSMS is perceived lack of representation and political clout, and

Whereas, our AMA Delegation has been incredibly successful bringing state resolutions to the AMA and Michigan physicians into national AMA leadership roles, and

Whereas, increasing transparency and communication of our AMA Delegation’s work is an important professional responsibility to the MSMS membership sending this delegation, and

Whereas, assuring all elected Delegates and Alternate Delegates can attend these meetings increases our political clout with more Delegates and Alternate Delegates in attendance and participating in committee work; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS send updates to MSMS delegates after the American Medical Association (AMA) Annual and Interim meetings to increase communication on Michigan resolutions submitted to the AMA; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS ensure any travel expenses budgeted for the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association to the AMA House of Delegates Annual and Interim Meetings be available for all Michigan AMA Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$20,000 or more as this resolution requires additional reporting and potentially an increase in travel expenses due to the fact that the Michigan Delegation to the AMA has increased in size over the past year.

**Relevant MSMS Policy:** None

**Relevant AMA Policy:** None