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3 Title: Climate Change Education  
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11 House Action: **APPROVED**  
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14 Whereas, the climate crisis may be the greatest challenge facing humans, with important  
15 present and future health consequences for adults and children, and  
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17 Whereas, particulate air pollution and greenhouse gases caused by the burning of fossil  
18 fuels and heavy industry are the causes of common and important health consequences including  
19 large numbers of deaths and significant incidence of disability in adults and children, and  
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21 Whereas, physicians and other health care workers, by virtue of their scientific training as a  
22 basis for understanding climate change, medical training as a basis for understanding health  
23 consequences, respect in the community, and tradition of caring about the health and welfare of  
24 their communities, have good qualifications to be a positive force in educating each other and our  
25 patients about these dangers of climate change and air pollution, and  
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27 Whereas, physicians and other health care workers benefit from education on these matters,  
28 enabling them to be a more effective force in dealing with climate change and air pollution;  
29 therefore be it  
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31 RESOLVED: That MSMS support efforts to educate physicians and other health care workers  
32 about climate change including its health consequences; air pollution and its health consequences;  
33 approaches to mitigating climate changes, air pollution, and their health consequences; and  
34 approaches to resilience from the effects of climate change and air pollution. Such support may  
35 include, but is not limited to:

- 36 1. Live or virtual presentations at the MSMS Annual Scientific Meeting, at the MSMS House of  
37 Delegates Meeting, and within health care settings and other venues as appropriate.
- 38 2. Periodic new items and suggestions to members via *Michigan Medicine*, *Medigram*, and  
39 other channels of communication.

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42 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$2,000-\$4,000

**Relevant MSMS Policy:**

**Climate Change**

MSMS supports the American Medical Association policy, Global Climate Change and Human Health (H-135.938).

**Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health**

MSMS endorses the Consensus Statement of the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health. (See Addendum R in website version)

**Relevant AMA Policy:****Climate Change Education Across the Medical Education Continuum H-135.919**

Our AMA: (1) supports teaching on climate change in undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education such that trainees and practicing physicians acquire a basic knowledge of the science of climate change, can describe the risks that climate change poses to human health, and counsel patients on how to protect themselves from the health risks posed by climate change; (2) will make available a prototype presentation and lecture notes on the intersection of climate change and health for use in undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education; and (3) will communicate this policy to the appropriate accrediting organizations such as the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education.