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On behalf of the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP), we proudly support **Matthew Adkins, DO** as the 2023 New Physician candidate to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Board of Directors.

Dr. Matthew Adkins is an enthusiastic and passionate physician who has been involved in various OAFP leadership roles, first as Ohio's Student Delegate to the AAFP National Conference of Residents & Medical Students and later as Ohio's LGBTQ+ Delegate to the National Conference of Constituency Leaders. Dr. Adkins has always stepped forward to learn, listen, and lead, regardless of his current career stage. Grateful that the AAFP leadership structure has provided a home to advocate for his patients and to help advance the profession, Dr. Adkins now seeks to serve the AAFP Board of Directors in their pursuits to realize their strategic priorities.

There are no bounds to where the Board of Directors can go with Dr. Matthew Adkins at their side. As the Assistant Program Director at a busy, underserved, urban, family medicine residency program, Dr. Adkins provides full-spectrum care with an emphasis on HIV, addiction medicine, gender affirming care, and hospital medicine. His passion for leading diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives makes him a voice for the marginalized and a powerful advocate for population health issues facing our diverse workforce. As co-chair of the Gender Affirmation Council at his large hospital system, he has gained experience mobilizing inter-professional care teams navigate complex and sensitive community resources. These character traits exhibited by Dr. Adkins are invaluable assets for change makers and innovative membership organizations alike.

We know that Dr. Adkins will be a valuable member of the AAFP Board. His infectious smile, can-do attitude and ability to bring people of all backgrounds together will be a welcomed addition to the Board table. He will fit right in. We proudly endorse his candidacy and look forward to seeing him elected and installed by his peers in the months to come.

Sincerely,

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