

Doctors, Colleagues, and Friends,

I stand before you with a profound and unwavering passion for the mission of the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA): to make Indiana the best state in which to receive care and practice medicine. My commitment to this cause has been the driving force behind my active participation in the ISMA community—from my early days as an alternate delegate, to representing District 12 as a delegate, and most recently, serving as your Board Chair for the past two years.

These years have not been without challenges. We have faced relentless attacks on tort reform, grappled with decreasing reimbursements amidst rising work demands, confronted scope of practice encroachments by non-physicians, and navigated the turbulent waters of divisive issues such as abortion and transgender care. Even the very essence of the sacred patient-doctor relationship has been called into question. Yet, through all of this, we have not only persevered but thrived. The ISMA House of Delegates and Board of Directors have achieved remarkable legislative successes—successes that we can all be proud of.

Within our own hallowed halls, we have engaged in difficult, but necessary, conversations—conversations that mirror the challenges facing our state and nation. The path has been anything but easy. It has been fraught with pitfalls, blind alleys, and false turns. These complex issues require more than just simple solutions; they demand active listening, thoughtful discussion, and keen insight. I have had the privilege of honing these skills, learning from many of you, and growing both personally and professionally as your Board Chair. With the unwavering support of our dedicated ISMA staff and the invaluable guidance of past presidents, I have come to deeply understand the purpose, power, and potential of our unified physician voice.

As we look ahead, the challenges before us will only intensify. We face threats from both within and without as we navigate the ever-shifting dynamics of national elections, grapple with rapid medical innovations, confront unprecedented ethical dilemmas, and tackle the technological challenges posed by AI. We must also provide steadfast leadership and unity to our legislature while nurturing, training, and mentoring the next generation of physicians.

It is with this vision in mind, and with the passion, skills, and deep reliance on our Board, our House, and our incredible ISMA staff, that I humbly and fervently ask for your support as President-Elect of the ISMA. Together, we can continue to lead, innovate, and ensure that Indiana remains a beacon of excellence in healthcare.

Thank you for your trust, your support, and your shared commitment to the mission of the ISMA.

Sincerely,
Ryan Singerman, DO, FAAFP