

SUBJECT: INCREASING OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN EFFECTIVENESS IN GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY

SUBMITTED BY: Michigan Osteopathic Association

REFERRED TO: Committee on Professional Affairs

1 WHEREAS, healthcare issues have become more prevalent in legislative and regulatory
2 agency activities; and

3 WHEREAS, the impact on physician practices and the physician-patient relationship may be
4 adversely impacted by resulting legislation or promulgated regulations, active
5 grassroots input by osteopathic physicians knowledgeable about the issues along with
6 effective techniques to influence decision-makers; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association recommend and urge the
8 expansion of education and training programs for members regarding effective
9 strategies and tactics to engage public officials concerning issues of concern at both
10 national and state levels; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, that the AOA develop and implement strategies to increase grassroots
12 participation by member physicians at healthcare regulatory and legislative hearings,
13 including submission of written testimony aligned with the organization's position
14 on the policy when regulatory agencies or legislative committees discuss these
15 healthcare issues.

ACTION TAKEN DISAPPROVED – CURRENT POLICY EXISTS IN AOA'S
AGENDA FOR THE 111TH CONGRESS AND ITS STRATEGIC PLAN

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