

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**  
2 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SPEAKER OF THE CONGRESS OF DELEGATES**  
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7 Please refer to the Transactions of the COD for complete information regarding the discussion,  
8 decisions, and events from the 2021 COD.  
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10 As I sit to write this report ahead of our Annual Meeting next month in French Lick, I reflect back over  
11 this past year. After entering a global pandemic in 2020, I didn't think we could have a more eventful  
12 year. But the past twelve months have been challenging both personally and professionally. We have  
13 seen our patients and communities challenged by continued waves of COVID, challenged by turbulent  
14 economic futures, challenged by the effects of gun violence in our country, and now challenged by the  
15 uncertain future of reproductive rights for women. I have also had personal challenges this past year of  
16 which some of you are aware. But through all of these challenges, I have found strength and support  
17 from my family of Family Medicine. The work that we all do to help our patients, our communities, and  
18 each other is equally comforting and awe inspiring. I am proud to be a Family Physician, and I look  
19 forward to continuing to work alongside all of you in the future.  
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21 As we convene for our Congress of Delegates, we have much work to do. We have several resolutions  
22 and recommendations this year that demonstrate our continued passion for the health and safety of  
23 our patients. We hope that all of you will participate in our sessions of Congress and the Reference  
24 Committee meeting on Friday and Saturday. While we all may not agree on every issue, we need to  
25 work together for the benefit of our patients and our specialty. There is no time like the present to make  
26 sure your voice is heard. We hope the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians is a great value and  
27 resource to you in your professional lives especially given the challenges we face ahead. Please let  
28 me know any comments, questions, or suggestions you may have.  
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30 Respectfully submitted,

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