INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS
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It has been my privilege to serve as your president for the 2022-2023 term. What a busy year we have had! Thank you to the members of the Academy for this amazing year of leadership and service to our specialty of family medicine.

Over the last year, our Academy has shown the importance of our presence in the Indiana statehouse. We have shown our region the strength of Indiana leadership by attending the AAFP convention, Ten State and sending a full delegation to ACLF/NCCL. Most importantly, we displayed impeccable leadership and comradery at our 2022 IAFP Annual Convention.

During session this year, our membership spoke on several bills and our legislative team worked tirelessly. Our efforts paid off on multiple bills including the passage of additional GME funding and the abolition of non-compete clauses for primary care providers, as well as the scope of practice bills not being heard. We also had representation during the special session, ensuring the physician voice was heard in a professional and collaborative manner.

Our executive leadership team attended Ten State conference in Minneapolis where we learned the successes and challenges of our regional chapters. The diversity between our chapters is always impressive to me. We also grew as a team during our time there. Although I was not able to attend ACLF/NCCL this year, a full delegation of members eager to grow in their leadership skills did. The vibrancy of our up and coming leaders is contagious and I am excited to see more young physicians participating in our organization.

During the IAFP Convention in 2022, our membership took on one of the most controversial topics in our society. The viewpoints of our members cross the spectrum and yet we had to come to a decision that could represent us all. For anyone who was there with me, I hope that you would agree our discussions, although difficult, were respectful. We did not leave those discussions agreeing with one another; however, we also did not leave divided. The mutual respect shown to one another was impressive and I could not have been prouder of the Academy than at that moment. As we live in a society that has worsening polarization on many topics, I pray that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians will continue to be a place where the quiet voices are heard and respectful conversation is the norm.

There is still more to do. We have work to do on the state and national level, both in our organizations and our governments. There were goals that I set out at the beginning of my term that I hope to continue to work with the Academy on, such as updating our website and increasing our membership in young physicians. I am excited to see our president-elect, Dr. Juan Carlos Venis, lead this organization over the next year. We have a lot to do but we are always ready for a challenge – we have shown this in the last year!