

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
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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 2022 COD.

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10 I am excited to see everyone this summer at our Annual Meeting and Congress of Delegates in French
11 Lick. Our convention is always a highlight of my summer, but this year will be extra special for me. It
12 will be my last year serving as Speaker of the Congress after seven years (thanks COVID for the extra
13 year). I hope to continue to build on our work from the past several years in making Congress more
14 efficient, representative, and productive. We have discussed and debated many complex issues in my
15 time, and I'm sure we will have many more in the future. I hope our evolving format continues to foster
16 engaging and respectful conversations. More importantly, seeing all of you in July will have extra
17 meaning given my recent health issues. I have mentioned before that I garner great strength from
18 being with our family of Family Medicine. I appreciate all of your support and kindness over the past
19 couple months.

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21 As a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, I have also represented the
22 Indiana Academy at a number of events and meetings. We had the pleasure to attend the Ten State
23 Conference in Minneapolis, MN this February. We are also happy to report that Dr. Teresa Lovins was
24 successfully elected to a full three-year term on the AAFP Board of Directors last year in Washington
25 DC. We know she will be a strong champion for Family Medicine in her role.

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27 We hope the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians is a great value and resource to you in your
28 professional lives. Please let me know any comments, questions, or suggestions you may have.

29 Respectfully submitted,

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