

**STATEMENT OF INTEREST 2023**  
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**DELEGATE TO THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

My name is Colette Willins, and I am asking for your vote so I can continue to serve you as one of your Delegates to the American Medical Association. I am currently the Vice Chair of our Delegation. My experience and in-depth knowledge of our AMA allows me to connect people and build coalitions to pass policies we believe in. Our delegation also works to place our members in positions of leadership within the AMA so we can be at the Committee, Council, and Board tables where important work is accomplished for our organization, our patients, and for all physicians. My years of active involvement in many AMA campaigns from Councils to President has given me the experience needed to help our candidates successfully seek positions of leadership.

As a Family Physician I was in private practice for over 20 years, and now care for patients at MetroHealth as a part of my county health system. My patients have always represented a wide variety of socioeconomic backgrounds. I have been actively participating in Organized Medicine since 1989 because it is important that we work together to protect our patients and our profession.

During my years in the AMA as a medical student, resident and young physician, my 16 years as a Delegate for the American Academy of Family Physicians, and my 4 years in the Ohio Delegation, I have developed a network of friends across states and specialties who I still work with to achieve these goals. Additionally, my experience as a Young Physicians Section Governing Council member, Speaker and President of the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians, and 9 years on the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws have been invaluable. Thus, I know the HOD well and I understand the importance of working with the Sections, and the State and Specialty Societies.

As a delegation team we work to shape and pass policy that will help us to care for our patients and our profession. I understand how to effectively navigate our policy making process and how to work within the AMA's procedural structure.

We need to protect our ability to practice medicine and to care for our patients. I will use my experience to be your advocate and to work with our delegation team on your behalf. I am asking for your vote to continue to serve you as your Delegate so I can continue to apply my experience to benefit the patients and physicians of Ohio.