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Dear AOCPMR Members,

On behalf of the American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (AOCPMR), I am writing to express our full support for the AOA's decisive action regarding the recent American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) policy that restricts American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine (AOBIM)-certified program directors from attesting to resident and fellow training for ABIM board eligibility.

This policy is not grounded in training standards nor reflective of the excellence, rigor, and continued approval of AOBIM-certified physicians by ACGME review committees. It undermines long-standing contributions of osteopathic physicians who lead and educate within internal medicine programs across the country.

The AOA pursued every reasonable pathway for resolution before litigation became the only practical and ethical course of action. AOCPMR stands firmly with the AOA in this effort to:

- Restore fair and equitable certification pathways
- Protect osteopathic certified program directors from exclusion
- Prevent unnecessary disruption to resident and fellow training
- Safeguard patient access to care across diverse communities

These issues affect not only internal medicine but the broader osteopathic and graduate medical education landscape. Ensuring parity, fairness, and respect for osteopathic credentials is essential for maintaining a unified healthcare system and supporting the next generation of physicians.

Further details are available on the AOA website. If you know of any physicians who have been directly impacted by the ABIM policy, please encourage them to contact do-discrimination@osteopathic.org.

The AOCPMR values our collective partnership across specialty societies and state associations, and we remain committed to advancing osteopathic medicine together. Thank you for your leadership and collaboration during this critical moment.

We will continue to support the AOA as the legal process moves forward. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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