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Dear Resident and Fellow Colleagues,

Welcome to the Resident and Fellow Section of the MSMA! Your membership in MSMA speaks of your commitment to optimizing healthcare for both patients and physicians.

Why MSMA? Medicine is inevitably changing – from diagnostic breakthroughs to advanced treatment options to the way we deliver care. The healthcare environment we soon will enter as independent physicians will be more dynamic than ever before. On a daily basis, we witness the impact of policies that enable or restrict how we practice as well as how our patients interact with the medical system. Such policies will become ever more apparent as we move beyond residency. MSMA provides a united voice on behalf of all physicians, regardless of specialty. As a section of the MSMA, we represent the ideas and interests of residents and fellows in the state of Missouri. To do this effectively, we need your input to best represent our colleagues in training.

How can you get involved? Stay up to date on what happens within Missouri's legislature and make your voice heard to your senator and representative. MSMA members receive a concise *Legislative Report* emailed every Friday during the legislative session to learn of pertinent issues being discussed. Likewise, MSMA has additional membership benefits that you also may find helpful throughout your career. You can also consider volunteering as *Physician of the Day* in our state capitol and see how MSMA works on your behalf at the policy level. As a member of the RFS, consider becoming a *Program Ambassador* to your residency or fellowship to keep your program in-the-know on MSMA happenings and important policy issues. Lastly, I hope you consider attending the MSMA Annual Convention in 2019. The convention is a great way to network with colleagues around the state, pursue leadership opportunities, and engage in policy discussions relevant to our patients and profession.

The voice of residents, fellows, and early-career physicians is essential to the future of healthcare. Few things are certain in healthcare, but one guarantee is it will continue to change. Be a part of the change to help shape our future practice. Thank you for your willingness to advocate for our profession and our patients.

Sincerely,
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