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Dear Physicians,

Thank you for continuing to serve as an Osteopathic Physician. The work you do provides care and compassion to those in need, and your community is better because you do what you do.

I had the honor to serve as TOMA Doctor of the Day at the Tennessee Legislature on Monday, Feb. 3. While there, I was had the opportunity to meet with Sen. Ken Yager, Sen. Bo Watson, Rep. Patsy Hazlewood, and Rep. Ron Travis. I stood in solidarity with the message from the Coalition of Collaborative Care and the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association to maintain the physician as the leader of the healthcare team in Tennessee.

The Tennessee Nurses Association has just introduced HB 2203 in the Legislature, which “makes various changes to the licensing and prescribing authority for advanced practice registered nurses.” This is an attempt for APRNs to have unsupervised practice. It is important to call your state senator and representative immediately to voice your opposition to this bill that will put the public’s health at risk. [Find your legislator, and his or her contact information, here.]

An even better way to reach out to your legislators is by serving as a Doctor of the Day. TOMA still has two openings to fill, on Monday, Feb. 24, and Monday, March 2. [Click here to sign-up.] We will take care of ensuring appointment times are made, that you are introduced to the general assembly, and that you have an opportunity to share a brief message, including continuing physician-directed healthcare in Tennessee.

Finally, don’t forget to register for TOMA’s 2020 Convention, April 2-5, in Knoxville. You will be able to earn up to 23 CME credits, meet with other Osteopathic Physicians and students, and see the new LMU-DCOM Knoxville facility. [Register online here!]

Regards,

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