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Dear Valued KAFP Member,

The KAFP Board of Directors feels strongly it needs to help inform our delegates with the best information it can for them to represent the interest of the majority of our state's members during AAFP's Congress of Delegates (CoD) in September.

CoD is an annual conference that serves to direct the business and policies of our professional organization. Each chapter has a voice in the process of CoD through their elected Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

Our elected delegates are Jen Brull, MD, FAAFP (Plainville) and Doug Gruenbacher, MD (Quinter), and alternate delegates are Diane Steere, MD (Wichita) and Lynn Fisher, MD, FAAFP (Wichita). Delegates, alternates and other leaders attend reference committee hearings to both provide testimony and hear others' testimony on all resolutions. Following these reference committee hearings, the Kansas delegation will caucus to discuss and decide how to best represent our members when voting on these resolutions.

As you may know, the KAFP has a Reference Committee that requests member submissions for resolutions to be considered. The Reference Committee hears testimony on all resolutions, discusses them and makes recommendations to the Board for action. At the Member Meeting in June, all submitted resolutions were discussed by the membership present at the meeting. Action was taken on these resolutions at the Summer Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors has tabled voting on two resolutions until further member feedback can be collected.

We are asking members to read the full transcript of actions taken at last year's CoD related to physician-assisted suicide/medical aid in dying, which is located on the KAFP website, and provide your input via a survey that will be sent via email to our membership from eAutoFeedback, LLC, a third-party independent survey company.

It is vitally important KAFP receive your input so the board may direct the delegates and alternates as they represent Kansas family physicians at CoD in September.

The KAFP Board of Directors will meet to review the member feedback and may submit resolutions for CoD inclusion. We will report back to the membership following the conclusion of the CoD.

Thank you for your time and attention on this important matter. Should you have any questions, please email us at [info@KAFPOnline.org](mailto:info@KAFPOnline.org).

Regards,

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