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Illinois College of Emergency Physicians (ICEP)  
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Dear ICEP Leadership,

From early on in my career I have had an interest in political advocacy and policy. I was determined to develop my leadership ability in these areas during medical school and residency through my involvement with organized medicine, where I wrote resolutions tackling broad-ranging social issues, including addressing the US drug shortage crisis, prior authorization reform, the prevention of lead contamination in water, and many other pressing topics. I have attended various lobby days, leading groups of physicians to advocate for reform of long emergency department psychiatric wait times, surprise billing, and GME funding. Additionally, I have held many leadership positions from the Medical Student Chair of the Medical Society of Virginia (MSV) to a Health Policy Academy Fellow of the Emergency Medicine Residents Association (EMRA), to a MACEP Leadership and Advocacy Fellow during my clinical fellowship, to a continued member of the ACEP Public Health Committee. I am fortunate to have seen the fruits of my labor, as my ideas were written into resolutions, my resolutions were adopted by organizations, and organizations successfully lobbied the legislature to create new laws. Most recently, I was selected to receive the ICEP Leadership Scholarship to deepen my involvement in Illinois-specific legislative efforts with my return to Illinois as an attending emergency medicine physician. I aim to continue advocacy throughout my career, and I believe serving as a member of the ICEP Board of Directors and ICEP Counselor will help me to continue to drive policy initiatives at local, state, and national levels.

Over the past decade, I have developed my skills in public health research and advocacy through various projects and completed a Master of Public Health Degree at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. During residency at the University of Chicago, I spearheaded the creation of a novel tracking system of emergency department homeless patients. As a health policy clinical fellow at Brigham and Women's Hospital, I received grant funding to study social determinants of health (SDoH) screening in the emergency department. Alongside the MA Department of Health, I also evaluated an innovative cottage program in Boston, MA, implemented as an alternative to congregate shelter to house the homeless. Through the Harvard Kennedy School Social Innovation and Change Initiative (SICI) Fellowship, I developed a housing navigator framework that connects homeless individuals presenting to the ED with available housing options. Now, as an Assistant Professor in Emergency Medicine and the Director of Health Equity and Population Health at the University of Illinois in Chicago, I am involved in various implementation science and education projects aimed at closing healthcare gaps. Project HEAL is a screening, education, and linkage-to-care initiative in the emergency department that focuses on HIV, hepatitis C, syphilis, diabetes, and breast cancer. Additionally, I am working with a team of investigators to identify persons experiencing homelessness using key words and AI modeling of the Electronic Health Record while serving as a faculty advisor for the social emergency medicine residency track and fellowship and faculty lead of the Community and Advocacy Committee.

Throughout my career, I have aimed to become a champion in efforts related to social emergency medicine and community health by working on various population health projects with the goal of making the system work better all, but especially, those most vulnerable. Every day, I treat patients fighting for their lives in the emergency department. Patients do so within a complicated healthcare system that often does not serve its purpose of taking care of them. I believe our voice as physicians is the best informed to advocate for patients, and therefore, we are the ones who need to shape future healthcare policy. Not only will I be an integral, informed,

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and experienced member of the ICEP Board of Directors and ICEP Counselor but also serving in these roles will help me accomplish my goal of being a national physician leader who influences legislative policy decisions to promote health equity and advance public health while providing excellent clinical care as an emergency physician. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samantha Hay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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