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Legislative Committee Members Needed

A brief explanation of the function of the SCMS Legislative Committee

The **SCMS Legislative Committee** provides its members with direct access to lawmakers. Its members are the face of the SCMS and **Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS)**. One of the functions of the SCMS Legislative Committee is to support the advocacy efforts of MSMS. Therefore, we work closely with MSMS and to the extent possible, try to present a unified front when discussing pending legislation with lawmakers. The topics being discussed have already been reviewed and discussed at other committees through MSMS. This does not mean that members of the SCMS Legislative Committee are not allowed to have their own opinions. However, to be effective in promoting legislation for physicians, we want to be unified as a society when we are in a discussion with local lawmakers.

The **MSMS Committee on State Legislation and Regulations** (comprised of physicians) along with the **MSMS Board of Directors** (comprised of physicians) determines what legislation MSMS supports or opposes. The SCMS Legislative Committee attempts to support MSMS' position and when possible, lend physicians voices to the effort in advocating for physicians to local legislators.

If you would like to have more input on which issues MSMS supports or opposes, consider joining the SCMS Legislative Committee. We are planning to start quarterly meetings this summer/early fall, so please contact Joan Cramer at the SCMS at jmcramer@sbcglobal.net no later than June 1, 2023, to be added to the Committee or if you have any questions.

Other avenues to voice opinions on MSMS actions or inactions would be the MSMS House of Delegates or MSMS Quarterly Membership Update Zoom Meetings.