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Friends and colleagues in Dermatology:

It is a tremendous honor to be selected as a candidate for the AAD Board of Directors. While I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know many of my colleagues throughout the years, I would like to share my background and reason for running.



I have had the privilege of serving as President of my local dermatology society, Tennessee Dermatology Society, and most recently on the board of our regional (Nashville Academy of Medicine) and state medical associations (Tennessee Medical Association). I am a current member of the AAD State Policy Committee, an important committee assisting states with pertinent issues that affect us all.

I have been a strong advocate for the AAD and active voice on Capitol Hill during our Legislative Conferences for more than 10 years. Issues that affect our specialty and our patients require our active involvement and our voice. The AAD has led that march as we continue to navigate the ever changing landscape of healthcare.

My participation in the AAD Young Physician Leadership program and the Advanced Leadership program have been instrumental in developing my skills and applying them to important issues that affect dermatologists and medicine as a whole. Our Academy is constantly fighting for our specialty whether it be issues associated with scope of practice, patient access to quality dermatologic care, impending changes to reimbursement, or prescription step therapy to name a few. Serving on the board would be an honor but I feel well prepared to be a steadfast director helping our Academy to face these challenges while also actively developing programs that assist us in our day to day practice, whether that be in an academic setting, large health care organization, or in solo practice.

I firmly believe that a strong Academy provides a strong foundation where we can continue to thrive and do what we do best—take care of patients. By listening to our membership and achieving consensus I believe we can continue to improve our Academy and incorporate changes to best serve our membership and our patients. Therefore I am asking for your vote—to be a strong director and leader. We will always have challenges, critical debate and disagreement but with a united front we will strengthen our positions and our organization. There is much work to be done and I hope that you will judge my capacity on experience and dedication to serving our Academy. I look forward to our future and hope that you will consider my nomination and vote for me to serve as one of your Directors.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian Rodriguez MD". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Adrian O. Rodriguez, MD, FAAD