**Declaration of No Confidence in the American Board of Internal Medicine and the Prevention of Further Interference by the American Board of Internal Medicine in the Practice of Medicine**

WHEREAS, the consensus within the medical community is that Maintenance of Certification (MOC) mandates and time-limed certification examinations imposed by the American Board of Medical Specialties and the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABMS/ABIM) are of unproven clinical or quality benefit to patient care, impose unnecessary financial burdens, and place unreasonable time constraints upon physicians; and

WHEREAS, the \*\*\* Medical Association (\*\*\* MA) has rejected MOC mandates in the state of \*\*\*; and

WHEREAS, the \*\*\* MA is committed to protecting physicians in our state by advancing legislation which prohibits MOC and time-limited recertification exams; and

WHEREAS, the \*\*\* Medical Association supports initial board certification and fulfillment of the Continuous Medical Education (CME) requirements of the \*\*\* Board of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, the \*\*\* MA brought a resolution to the American Medical Association which resulted in a call for an immediate cessation of the recertification exam but did not call to end MOC mandates; and

Whereas, the ABIM has proven to be an organization which is unduly profiting by attempting to make their trademarked MOC product mandatory throughout the lifetime of practicing physicians; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Medical Society passed a vote of no confidence in the ABIM; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The \*\*\* MA declares that our state society has no confidence in the American Board of Internal Medicine and the \*\*\* MA stands committed to remove MOC mandates of all varieties, be they for credentialing, licensure, or payment purposes legislatively, and will prohibit the interference of the ABIM/ABMS on the ability of physicians to practice medicine in the state of \*\*\*.