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I am humbled and excited to represent the Michigan Association of Orthodontists on the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists Board. I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to contribute to our shared mission and goals.

The Michigan Association of Orthodontists (MAO) is hosting its annual meeting on Friday, April 11th in Dearborn, MI at the Henry Hotel. The meeting will be able to provide a maximum of 6 CE credits for attendees. Dr. Maz Moshiri will present on the management of complex cases, including surgical setups and TMD patient treatment with aligners. Dr. Aronovich, an oral surgeon from the University of Michigan, will be covering essential aspects of pain management in the TMD patient and orthodontics. For the doctors and staff, Michelle Shimmin from Shimmin Consulting will be speaking on topics of: Leadership, your professional growth and mastering your emotional intelligence and Elite Synergy: elevation of a high-performance team. We welcome all constituent members and their office team to attend our meeting.

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs in the state of Michigan has discussed potentially eliminating the current rules regarding specialty advertising. These rules are essential and important for patients to understand and differentiate between dental specialists who have graduated from CODA accredited programs and are the highest trained professionals in their field to those who have not completed this specialty training. The new proposed rules would lower the threshold on the requirements to advertise as a specialist in the field or in a certain procedure. The MAO has worked with the AAO and Michigan Dental Association to express concern over the proposed rules changes. We are closely monitoring the situation and working tirelessly to protect the public's best interest and overall health.

Respectfully Submitted,

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