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The 2026 Michigan Association of Orthodontists (MAO) Annual Conference brought together more than 150 orthodontic professionals from across Michigan. The next MAO Annual Conference will take place on Friday, April 16th, 2027, at the Kensington Hotel in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Morning sessions will feature Dr. Grant Collins presenting to doctors and Jill Allen leading staff lectures, followed by joint doctor and staff sessions in the afternoon. We look forward to another valuable opportunity for learning and professional connection within our orthodontic community.

The MAO is pleased to report significant progress on House Bills 4593 and 4594, legislation aimed at strengthening transparency in dental specialty advertising and helping patients make informed decisions about their care. Both bills passed the Michigan House of Representatives with overwhelming bipartisan support and have been referred to the Senate Health Policy Committee. MAO remains committed to advancing these important patient protections and will continue advocating for a Senate committee hearing and vote soon. With it being an election year, things are not currently moving very quickly, and there are only a few legislative days left for the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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