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Dear Members of the Nominating Committee:

I am pleased to submit my letter of intent seeking reelection as a General Surgery Governor to the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons Board of Governors.

Serving ACOS and representing the General Surgery Discipline during my first term has been both an honor and a meaningful opportunity to contribute to an organization that has played an important role in my own professional development. I entered this position committed to being an engaged and productive Governor, with a particular focus on surgical quality, education, research, and creating initiatives that provide tangible value to our members.

One of the accomplishments I am most proud of during my term has been developing the four-hour ACOS Surgical Quality Workshop. What began as an effort to provide practical, relevant quality education for our surgeons has grown into a program that is now accredited for Maintenance of Certification by the American Osteopathic Association. I believe this represents the type of work we should continue to pursue within ACOS: initiatives that respond to the needs of our members, strengthen surgical practice, and create lasting value beyond a single meeting or educational session.

Throughout my term, I have also remained actively involved in the broader work of the College through educational and research efforts, committee service, and collaboration with colleagues across ACOS. My service as Chair of the Quality Initiatives Committee and as a member of the Continuing Education Committee has allowed me to contribute to important conversations surrounding surgical quality, lifelong learning, and the continued advancement of our profession. Just as importantly, these roles have given me the opportunity to listen to our members and better understand the challenges and opportunities facing osteopathic surgeons at different stages of their careers.

In my professional role as a breast surgical oncologist and Assistant Professor of Surgery at Johns Hopkins Medicine, I remain deeply invested in surgical excellence, education, mentorship, research, and quality improvement. I have been fortunate to bring those experiences and perspectives to my work within ACOS, while my service to the College has, in turn, made me a better surgeon, educator, and leader.

I am proud of what I have been able to contribute during my first term, and I remain excited about what we can accomplish moving forward. A second term would provide the opportunity not simply to continue the work already underway, but to build upon it—expanding meaningful educational and quality initiatives, strengthening opportunities for engagement and professional development, and ensuring that the voice of the General Surgery Discipline remains strongly represented within the College.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy and for the privilege of serving ACOS. I would be honored to continue representing the General Surgery Discipline and to bring the same energy, commitment, and collaborative spirit to a second term as Governor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Olutayo Sogunro', written in a cursive, stylized script.

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