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Dear Colleague,

As we approach the close of another productive year, I want to personally reach out to ask for your continued support of the Connecticut Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery Society.

Now, more than ever, our organization serves as the leading voice and advocate for dermatologists across all regions of the state. I believe we can all agree that we are only as strong as the dedication of our members and that people like you make the difference.

Your Voice in Legislative Advocacy

CDDSS remains at the forefront of legislative advocacy on behalf of our profession. Working in partnership with CSMS and our specialty society coalition, we champion critical reforms each year — such as truth in advertising, prior authorization reform, wrongful death statutes, holding on to the advances we made in surprise billing and collective negotiation rights — all with the goal of strengthening the practice environment for physicians across Connecticut.

At the same time, we are unwavering in our commitment to protecting our specialty from emerging threats. Across the nation, 17 states now permit non- mds to perform laser and/or scalpel surgeries —procedures that should be reserved for fully trained surgeons. Pending legislation in nearby New Jersey, Ohio, Vermont, and New Hampshire underscores the risk of similar proposals surfacing here at home. More and more dermatology procedures are being done under the guise of " Medical Spas", with little to no supervision.

In response, CDDSS is taking decisive and proactive measures: by producing a PR video regarding "What Makes a Great Clinician, which is now on our website. This video will expand our advocacy network, engage and educate and be on our website for the general public to view.

Supporting Education and Professional Growth

CDDSS is committed to providing a broad range of educational programs designed to keep you and your staff at the forefront of dermatologic practice. Our annual meeting in 2026 will again be at the Aqua Turf but will be moving to the Spring with a final date in May and speaker agenda to be announced in the upcoming weeks. It will feature an interactive, collegial format that promotes learning and professional connection among CT, MA, RI and NY dermatologists.

Investing in the Next Generation of Dermatologists

Supporting young dermatologists and trainees' remains a cornerstone of our mission. CDDSS works closely with our residency programs throughout the year. We are very proud of our young members and want to preserve the practice of dermatology for their future.

Please stand with us and fight for quality in medicine.

Sincerely,

Donna Aiudi, MD President

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