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## Dear IAPA members:

As a proud member of the APA for nearly three decades, I have witnessed how our organization fulfills a critical mission as a proven patient advocate and effective voice for our members. This mission has influenced my clinical, educational, and advocacy work. I remain committed to advancing these goals and the scope of influence of our organization. Rest assured that the same level of energy and enthusiasm will guide me in forging a path towards the betterment of our profession in the years to come.

I will pursue an agenda focused on key issues:

- **Member challenges**, including regulatory burdens, maintenance of certification and burnout prevention
- **Diversity and inclusion**
- Combating **stigma** and obstacles that affect patient wellbeing
- Barriers to **equitable access** to care and **collaborative models**
- Implications regarding the **opioid crisis**

As I reviewed the mission of the Indo-American Psychiatric Association, I noticed overlapping interests. I intend to leverage my experience to focus on the delivery of culturally competent treatment. I will ensure that we prepare the next generation of psychiatrists for the challenges that lie ahead. I will work with, and on behalf, of all our members to make change happen.