

# YOUR VOICE'S IMPACT: ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM

*It takes more than medical school to make a physician. As the first mainstream national medical organization to adopt a policy supporting healthcare as a basic human right, AMSA continues to be a path for trainees to have a leading voice. Its advocacy work evolves to meet society's needs, affect change, and is rooted in principles of healthcare for all, social justice and global health equity, enriching medicine through diversity, and professional integrity, development, and student well-being.*

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

As the only major healthcare organization that refuses money from pharmaceutical companies, AMSA puts trainee interests first, advocating for medical education that is responsive to society. We are concerned with student loan reform, patient and trainee safety, wellness, and many other issues affecting medical trainees.

## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

From mobilizing direct actions through grassroots campaigns, to making hundreds of legislative visits to both state and federal leaders in Congress, and even speaking at The White House and United Nations, AMSA members are activists and professionals who strive for social change. One annual highlight at convention is **Advocacy Day on The Hill**, where we learn to speak to issues with legislators using our patient stories, medical expertise, and professional principles to shape policy.

## POLICY AND STANCES

Local chapters gather at national convention for our annual House of Delegates (HOD), where members take ownership of the organization. Any member of AMSA has the ability to write and submit resolutions. We debate issues and shape our policies based on our organizational values and most recent medical literature to state our official views, giving medical trainees a collective voice.

## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND COALITIONS

In the last year alone AMSA has signed-on to hundreds of letters with other national healthcare organizations and joined over 30 coalitions that advocate in support of public health and social issues ranging from diversity in medicine and the opioid epidemic, to climate change, LGBTQ rights and trans health, and family planning.

