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Hello all! I am honored to have been nominated for the Alternative Representative for the Region V of the FCAAP. I consider the AAP my professional home and have been fortunate to be involved with the Academy in a variety of ways including as chair of the Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP) and on the executive committee of the Louisiana Chapter. I am looking forward to increased involvement with the Florida chapter.

I am an academic general pediatrician and Medical Director of the Johns Hopkins All Children's Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine clinic in St. Petersburg. I am a native of the St. Pete/Clearwater area and did my undergraduate and medical school at the University of Miami. I moved to New Orleans for residency at Louisiana State University and also completed a year as chief resident. As a faculty member at LSU, I spent six years as an associate program director for the pediatric residency program. When an opportunity came up three years ago with a new residency program with JHACH, St. Pete became home again!

My true passion is advocacy--- for my patients and families as well as my colleagues. I am currently the SOECP liaison to the AAP's Committee on Federal Government Affairs and have participated in many "hill days" in Washington, DC. This year, I was able to go with a few of my residents to Tallahassee for an advocacy day. We are hoping to grow this program to include residents from across the state. As Region V representative, I want to improve communication with pediatricians about all that the FCAAP does on their behalf as well as be the voice for pediatricians to the chapter leadership.

Thank you for your consideration!