

Region 2 Representative



Candidate: Brittany Bruggeman, MD

Primary City of Practice: Gainesville, Florida

Statement of Interest/Bio:

Dr. Brittany Bruggeman is a pediatric endocrinologist and physician scientist at the University of Florida. She is a native Floridian and completed all of her studies and post-graduate training at UF- Go Gators! She first dipped her toe into advocacy as a trainee, serving as Executive Coordinator of Residents for the AAP Section on Trainees and on the Executive Board for the Section on Endocrinology. She also spent a month in DC working in the AAP's Legislative Office to educate legislators on insulin pricing issues and authored a Top 10 AAP Resolution addressing rising insulin prices. She received the Audrey Lincourt Schiebler Award for Excellence in Child Advocacy, awarded to a pediatric resident who has worked to improve the quality of lives for children and families. She is now a full-fledged and fierce advocate for kids, serving on the American Diabetes Association's National Advocacy Committee, as the Florida AAP's Legislative Advocacy Co-Chair, and as the Vice President of the Alachua County Medical Society. She is co-director of the advocacy rotation for the UF Gainesville Pediatric Residency and has mentored many residents in their advocacy projects, several of whom have received AAP CATCH grants towards their efforts.

As a member of the lowest paid (but deeply rewarding) specialty in all of medicine, Dr. Bruggeman is passionate about robust and fair reimbursement for the work that we do. She also has first-hand experience with the burden that prior authorizations, insurance coverage issues, and lack of access to pediatric specialists places onto pediatricians and will prioritize reform for these issues. She is passionate about organized medicine and active within the FMA, and will use these connections to fight for common concerns. She will also work for practical solutions to Florida pediatric health barriers, including waning vaccination and insurance coverage rates, lack of access to mental and behavioral health specialists, dentists, and other pediatric specialists, interference in the physician-patient relationship, and the overburdening of pediatricians. Most of all, she will work with the other board members to promote the optimal physical, mental, and emotional health of Florida's children by empowering pediatricians to do what we do best.