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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

1 First and foremost, I want to say that I am honored to be your incoming
 2 President. As I reflect on my year as President-Elect, I can simply describe it with two
 3 words: fast and productive. I truly enjoyed visiting NYSDA components. Not only do our
 4 districts provide practical lectures on innovative sectors, like artificial intelligence,
 5 implants and cosmetic dentistry, they also connect with dentists in community
 6 development events. I encourage both new dentists and veterans to engage in the
 7 potential community growth district events offer.

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 9 I also want to acknowledge the legislative successes that occurred during this
 10 period. First, on January 30, the New State Legislature passed the virtual credit card
 11 (VCC) bill, amending New York State Insurance Law and Public Health Law in relation
 12 to the use of virtual credit cards by insurers and certain healthcare plans. Then, in May,
 13 the New York City Council passed Resolution 273-A, which supported two NYSDA
 14 vaccination bills authorizing dentists to administer influenza, COVID-19 and human
 15 papillomavirus vaccines, as well as vaccines related to public health emergencies. Now,
 16 NYSDA's will direct its attention to advancing these two bills in the State Assembly.

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 18 Our work is not over, however. NYSDA is also supporting enactment of the PGY-
 19 1 bill. This legislation would amend New York State Education Law to allow residents in
 20 multi-year-accredited specialty programs to apply for licensure after completing the first
 21 year and passing the appropriate exam. At the same time, NYSDA continues to oppose
 22 the non-covered services bill, as previous versions of this legislation have been vetoed.
 23 NYSDA has met with the Department of Financial Services, which has emphasized the
 24 need to focus on consumer protection. The updated bill frames this legislation as a way
 25 to address that goal. We are also challenging new bills, such as the pass-through entity
 26 tax (PTET) bill and the cone-beam computer tomography (CBCT) bill.

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 28 Lastly, I participated in the ADA's annual visit to Capitol Hill in Washington, along
 29 with other NYSDA representatives, to advocate for several legislative measures, such

30 as the Resident Education Deferred Interest (REDI) Act. This visit was powerful
31 because it gave dental students from various universities an opportunity to advocate for
32 dental student debt. The REDI Act is a critical step toward ensuring a financially
33 sustainable future for our healthcare workforce.

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35 In the next year, I look forward to recruiting young dentists to join organized
36 dentistry. As involved members, they can continue to advocate on the aforementioned
37 issues. I also aim to further our organization's mission to provide for local communities. I
38 look forward to working alongside you all in 2027 for the betterment of our profession.