

MINNESOTA CENTER FOR OBESITY, METABOLISM AND ENDOCRINOLOGY, PA

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Dear AMA MAC staff:

I am writing this letter in support of the application for Clara Raquel Epstein, MD, P.C., for Delegate at Large to the Minority Affairs Consortium Governing Council of the American Medical Association.

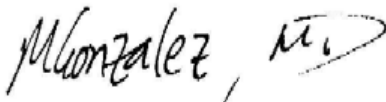
Dr. Epstein is a highly qualified physician, neurosurgeon by training, who has demonstrated leadership and activism on behalf of our minority community. I have come to know Dr. Epstein from the Hispanic Physician Outreach Initiative meetings we attended together, and from personal communications over time. Dr. Epstein is a wonderful role model not only for minority physicians, but also for women in medicine. She has helped to improve neurosurgery care for Hispanic patients by networking with neurosurgeons in Mexico and Latin America through the organization *Neurocirujanas*.

Dr. Epstein has been active in clinical practice, clinical research, and education. In addition to her clinical work, she has chosen to be active in both organized medicine and her specialty societies. Her hard work has brought her recognition from her peers for her clinical and research accomplishments. More importantly she has the background to effectively contribute to the advancement of minority affairs in medicine.

Dr. Epstein is eloquent and poised, and has the ability to work effectively in groups. In short, she has the skills to contribute to the AMA-MAC GC, and I look forward to her role in representing minorities in medicine.

I most highly recommend Dr. Clara Raquel Epstein for Delegate at Large to the Minority Affairs Consortium Governing Council of the American Medical Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Michael Gonzalez-Campoy" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Past President, Minnesota Medical Association
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