Address the critical Hawaii physician shortage by expanding incentives which help to recruit and retain physicians, while removing barriers which make the practice of quality medicine economically and personally unfeasible.

Support creative and expanded uses of the Hawaii Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund which contribute to the reduction of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, especially in population groups most negatively impacted by tobacco in Hawaii.

Support locally based telehealth, including the expansion of broadband access and community education and training in the use of technology for healthcare.

Listen to the voice of our Hawaii patient ohana and their experience of healthcare access, especially on the neighbor islands, and support legislative initiatives which address patient and community real-life experience.

Support and expand behavioral health services and their workforce to address the growing crisis of mental health and substance use disorder present in our community, especially in our youth and healthcare professional populations. COVID-19 has dramatically worsened an already dire situation which requires immediate and direct action.

Expand opportunities for lung, breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screenings through increased use and support of evidence-based interventions.

Strengthen and support quality patient care by ensuring healthcare and healthcare teams are physician-led and that non-physician providers offer care within the scope of their education and training, and under the appropriate supervision of physicians.

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The Hawaii Medical Association is grateful to physicians, physician assistants, nurses, first responders, and frontline professionals throughout Hawaii for their inspiring efforts throughout the COVID-19 crisis. You have kept our community healthy and safe, helping us to navigate through this challenging time. We thank you and express our heartfelt appreciation. Mahalo!

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