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Now is the time to assure we are making the right choices for our professional futures. The Covid19 pandemic continues to push medical professions, including PT, to change rapidly. We are now performing telehealth and we have been front line responders in many different ways. We as a group of professionals need to seize the day and make sure we are recognized for our key contributions to the healthcare systems. We also need to ensure we are moving our profession forward in ways that enable physical therapists and PT Assistants to reflect the demographics of the population. The APTA needs to continue to improve accessibility for all without regard to race, gender, location, financial situation, and other important issues.

For the past 10 years I have been involved in APTA Virginia. I have served in several positions including membership chair and Delegate. Serving as a delegate is clearly a great honor. Being able to impact the important issues of our day as we protect and shape the future of PT's and PTA's is a great responsibility and I enjoy the challenge.

I am asking you to please choose me to be one of your delegates. I will continue to focus on making the right choices as we work on important issues facing our profession including reframing our professional responsibilities and pursuing our outward looking vision to transform society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience. I will utilize my experience in geriatrics, outpatient, home health, acute care, and education to work toward representing all physical therapists in Virginia as a delegate.

Thank you for your consideration and your vote.