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I believe that the biggest problem facing our profession today is the increasing gap between the consistently rising cost of education and the declining reimbursement from the majority of payors. This steady decline in reimbursement is a barrier to earning a higher salary. As a result, many talented young clinicians are leaving the profession due to burnout as they are often forced to work increased hours or second jobs simply to pay off their student loans. I believe that we need to relentlessly advocate for ourselves in order to stave off reimbursement cuts while we also push for change in the finances surrounding our current educational model.

I wish to serve the Valley District of APTA Virginia as Treasurer in order to involve myself in the process to address the inequity discussed above. I feel that I can effectively manage the finances of the Valley District in order to best address our goals.

Though this would be the first time that I would serve the Valley District in any formal capacity, I have had experience as an undergraduate student serving on the executive board of my fraternity in many roles. I also diligently track my own personal finances using various spreadsheets that I have created. If elected, this experience will allow me to transition seamlessly into the role of Valley District Treasurer.