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Hello – my name is Emil Lee. I am a diagnostic and interventional radiologist who has been happy to serve the communities of Langley, Abbotsford and Fraser East for the past 21 years.

I have had the great opportunity to take on leadership roles locally, provincially, nationally and internationally, as Local Department Head of Langley Memorial Hospital Medical Imaging for 14 years, President of the BC Radiological Society, Board member on the American College of Radiologists Board of Chancellors, and nationally as President of the Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR). I am currently the Regional Department Head/Regional Medical Director of Medical Imaging for the Fraser Health Authority, having been in this post for 5 years. I also serve on CAR working groups tackling artificial intelligence and EDI initiatives for our specialty and on the Provincial Medical Imaging Advisory Council, a group which works with government on optimizing medical imaging in BC.

When I was a young resident, I had the good fortune to serve as the medical student & resident representative to the then BCMA, and I would be honoured to return to the provincial organization which first introduced me to medical politics and organizations.

Issues at the forefront for me would include physician wellness and burnout – the pandemic has severely affected physicians on many fronts. As a physician lead in the FHA vaccination program I've been inspired by our multidisciplinary team of physicians who worked so well together to help protect so many British Columbians. I hope to kindle and foster that sense of cooperation beyond the pandemic to help those of our colleagues who are beleaguered by workload, stress and burnout.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity are not just the latest buzzwords but fundamental principles that I believe physicians are in a unique position to make positive changes happen in our Province. As a member of the CAR EDI oversight committee and the EDI statement working group, I have helped craft our organization's EDI statement and am working together with others to create a toolkit to enable groups and organizations create their own EDI committees to embrace diversity, promote equity, and foster inclusivity to quote the CAR statement. I hope to continue that work on the Doctors of BC Board.

Finally, representation of physicians in BC is very important to me. I believe doctors have a fundamental role to play in shaping our health care system to meet the challenges of this pandemic and the health care crises and opportunities to come. As a member of the senior leadership group of physicians in the FHA I believe I can serve as a bridge between doctors and health authority administration to help define how we can work together to make our system more sustainable and successful into the future.

It has been and continues to be a tremendous privilege and honour to be a doctor in BC. I hope that I can continue to contribute, by being your representative and member of the Doctors of BC Board.

I hope that I may count on your vote.