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OSMA's Statement on State Senator Huffman's Comments

The Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) opposes the racially insensitive comments made by state Sen. Steve Huffman on Tuesday during a legislative hearing on whether racism should be considered a public health crisis in Ohio.

Sen. Huffman is an emergency room physician and long-time member of the OSMA. Today, OSMA President, Anthony Armstrong, MD, spoke directly to Sen. Huffman expressing the association's concern with his comments and together they discussed how the association, legislature, public health officials and community members can work together to seek a greater understanding of race and its impact on health care in Ohio. Dr. Armstrong currently serves as a member of Governor DeWine's Minority Health Strike Force.

The OSMA has previously condemned the murder of George Floyd and supported the peaceful Black Lives Matter protests in our state and across the country demanding racial justice, human equality, and an end to police brutality. It is clear that more must be done with the healthcare community in Ohio and nationwide to assure medical care is accessible and delivered without regard to skin color or ethnicity, and that implicit bias in medicine is eliminated.

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Our Mission Statement/ Who We Are

"The Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) is dedicated to empowering physicians, residents and medical students to advocate on behalf of their patients and profession." The OSMA is the largest and oldest statewide physician-led association in Ohio. We are affiliated nationally with the American Medical Association and locally with county medical societies. Visit us at www.osma.org.