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**Subject: Application for North East Chapter CT State Representative**

Dear Committee,

I am an Acute Care Surgeon serving as the Associate Director of Trauma at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Connecticut. I am the site director for UCONN's integrated surgery residency program at our hospital and directly involved in teaching students and residents.

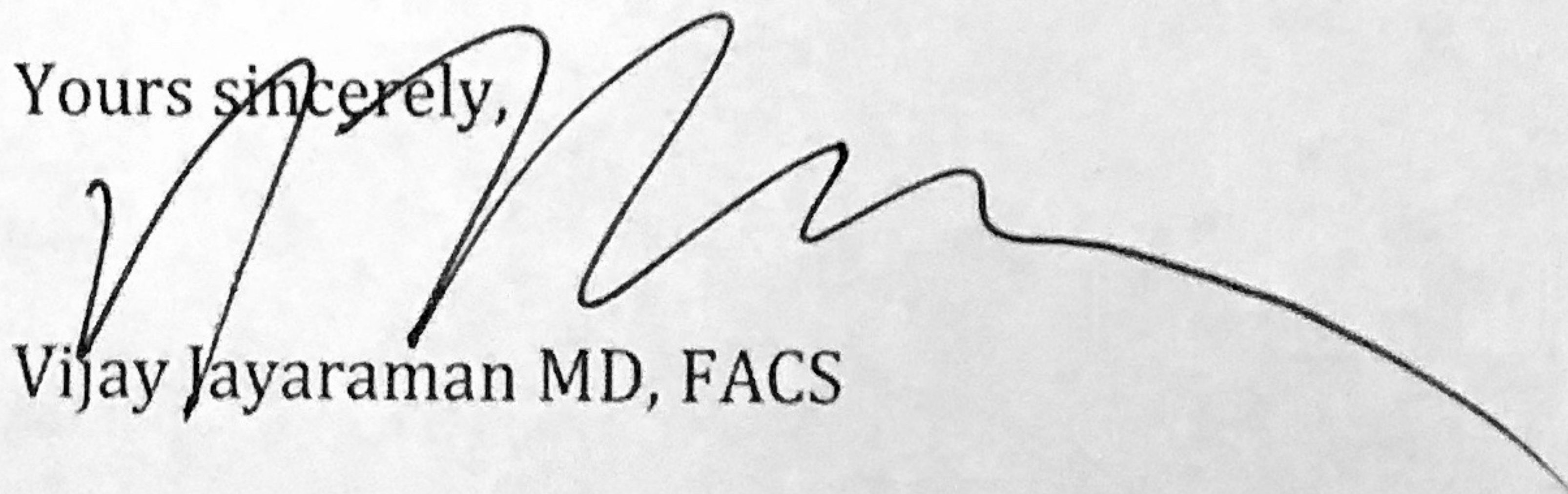
I am actively in practice in the Surgical ICU at our institution for over four years and clinically I am interested in shock and resuscitation, refractory hypoxic respiratory failure and procedural training. I have been a member of the NE chapter since 2017 and have helped teach FCCS at our center. I would like to be more involved in our local chapter.

There is an opportunity to broaden our online presence with webinars, lectures and journal clubs. As a member of EAST, first on their Emergency General Surgery section and now on their Mentorship committee, I have gained experience in online didactics that could enhance our chapter.

We have an amazing well attended and reviewed US course. Maybe the time is right for a regional ECMO course. I think we should build on a foundation of PA and APRN involvement and expand the NE chapter with resident participation. These are areas of interest that I would like to explore.

As state representative I would try to engage the various stakeholders and see what their needs are and help further the society in CT. While I have several clinical, administrative and educational responsibilities, I believe that this role would be complementary and would give me experience at taking on a more regional administrative presence.

Yours sincerely,

  
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