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Let $x, y, z \geq 0$ such that $x + y + z = 3$. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{2x^2 + 2} + \frac{1}{2y^2 + 2} + \frac{1}{2z^2 + 2} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

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For $x > 0$, we have

$$\frac{1}{2x^2 + 2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2(x^2 + 1)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 2x} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{4},$$

which is also true for $x = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2x^2 + 2} + \frac{1}{2y^2 + 2} + \frac{1}{2z^2 + 2} &\geq \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{y}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{z}{4}\right) = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{x + y + z}{4} = \\ &= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for: $x = y = z = 1$.