



November 8, 2005

The Honorable  
United States  
Washington, DC

Dear Senator/Representative:

The undersigned organizations urge you to retain the Senate-approved appropriation of \$454.4 million for the Title VII and VIII health professions programs as you negotiate the final FY 2006 appropriations bill.

The Title VII and VIII programs are the only federal programs designed to train providers in interdisciplinary settings to meet the needs of special and underserved populations, as well as increase minority representation in the health care workforce. Additionally, the Title VII and VIII programs address the shortages and geographic maldistribution of providers by training them to deliver care in underserved areas, including rural and inner-city communities.

We understand that there are many competing priorities in the FY 2006 bill; however, sustaining these programs' funding is essential to ensure that quality care is being delivered in our country's neediest communities. Any decreases to these programs would hamper their ability to continue to prepare an array of health professionals to help fill the health care delivery gaps across the country. Hence, we urge you to retain the amounts provided for the Title VII and VIII health professions programs in the Senate version of the FY 2006 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill.

Your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you to ensure the continuation of congressional support for these critical programs.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine  
Ambulatory Pediatric Association  
American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Physician Assistants  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Community Colleges  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Dental Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Medical Student Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society of Radiologic Technologists  
American Therapeutic Recreation Association  
Association of Academic Health Centers  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Professors of Medicine  
Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine  
Association of Schools of Allied Health Professionals  
Association of Schools of Public Health  
Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine  
Health Professions Network  
Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools  
National Area Health Education Centers Organization  
National Association for Geriatric Education  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Geriatric Education Centers  
National Association of Medical Minority Educators, Inc.  
National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems  
National League for Nursing  
National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges  
Society for Adolescent Medicine  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society of General Internal Medicine

