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Dear Colleague:

I am writing, at the request of our AAMC's Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) National Chair, James Littlejohn, to seek your support for the full participation of your official and alternate OSR representatives in the important activities of the OSR during this academic year.

As you are aware, the OSR is comprised of representatives from each AAMC member medical school. The OSR, as one of the five components of the AAMC governance, provides the voice of our nation's 67,000 medical students in the ongoing deliberations of the AAMC. Through its Administrative Board, which meets four times annually, and its liaisons to numerous AAMC committees, OSR representatives provide crucial advice to the AAMC on matters of interest to medical students and medical education. At its spring regional meetings and the fall AAMC Annual Meeting, OSR representatives have the opportunity to communicate with their medical school colleagues about the entire continuum of issues that affect academic medicine.

In order to ensure that the OSR is able to continue to participate in an active and well-informed fashion in the governance of the AAMC on behalf of all medical students, I hope that you will be able to provide your school's OSR representatives with the financial means necessary to represent your institution at both the upcoming AAMC Annual Meeting and the spring regional meeting. Full participation by OSR representatives from all medical schools nationally is the only way in which we can be assured that the voices of all medical students are heard and that students at all medical schools are well-informed about the issues in academic medicine that affect them most directly.

I encourage you to work with your colleagues in the appropriate offices at your school to ensure that your institutional OSR representatives are able to participate fully in these activities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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