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The Honorable Tom Cole
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dina Titus
2370 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Cole and Titus:

On behalf of the AAMC,¹ I write to thank you for reintroducing the Medical Student Education Authorization Act of 2025 (H.R. 5428), which would help increase the primary care workforce in areas of greatest need by authorizing the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Title VII Medical Student Education (MSE) Program through fiscal year (FY) 2028. The AAMC is pleased to offer our continued support for this legislation.

The AAMC projects that the United States will face a shortage of up to 86,000 primary care and specialty physicians by 2036.² Shortages in the physician supply have a real impact on patients, particularly those living in rural, frontier, island or non-contiguous settings, and other already underserved communities.

The Medical Student Education Authorization Act of 2025 would authorize \$75 million annually for the MSE Program for FYs 2026 to 2028 and allow for the continuation of funding for the existing grant recipients. Initially established in FY 2019, the MSE Program has allowed public medical schools in states with projected primary care shortages the opportunity to develop post baccalaureate programs, medical school curricula, clinical training site partnerships, and faculty training programs. In addition, the program supports the development of curricula to meet the needs of tribal and rural populations.

¹ The AAMC is a nonprofit association dedicated to improving the health of people everywhere through medical education, clinical care, biomedical research, and community collaborations. Its members are all 160 U.S. medical schools accredited by the [Liaison Committee on Medical Education](#); 14 Canadian medical schools accredited by the [Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools](#); nearly 500 academic health systems and teaching hospitals, including Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; and more than 70 academic societies. Through these institutions and organizations, the AAMC leads and serves America's medical schools, academic health systems and teaching hospitals, and the millions of individuals across academic medicine, including more than 210,000 full-time faculty members, 99,000 medical students, 162,000 resident physicians, and 60,000 graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in the biomedical sciences. Through the Alliance of Academic Health Centers International, AAMC membership reaches more than 60 international academic health centers throughout five regional offices across the globe. Learn more at aamc.org.

² [The Complexities of Physician Supply and Demand: Projections From 2021 to 2036](#)

The MSE Program is an effective and important complement to the other health workforce development programs that successfully recruit and retain medical professionals to serve in communities across the country, including in rural and medically underserved areas. HRSA's academic year 2022-2023 data showed that the MSE Program trained over 3,600 students. Of the 806 medical students who graduated, 44 percent matched to residencies where they trained in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).³ We welcome the Medical Student Education Authorization Act's unique efforts to further reinforce these goals and develop strategic partnerships in communities with the greatest unmet need for primary care providers. A three-year reauthorization would reaffirm the federal government's commitment to building the next generation of health care professionals and improving patients' access to care.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to grow and support the physician workforce. We look forward to continuing to work with you as the legislation moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle P. Turnipseed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Danielle" and last name "Turnipseed" clearly legible.

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³ Health Resources and Services Administration. Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2025 Justification of Estimates for Appropriations Committees.