



March 2, 2026

The Honorable Richard Durbin
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

On behalf of the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges),¹ I write to thank you for the introduction of the Foreign Medical School Accountability Fairness Act of 2026 (S. 3757), which would amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish consistent federal Title IV student aid eligibility requirements for all graduate medical schools operating outside of the United States and Canada.

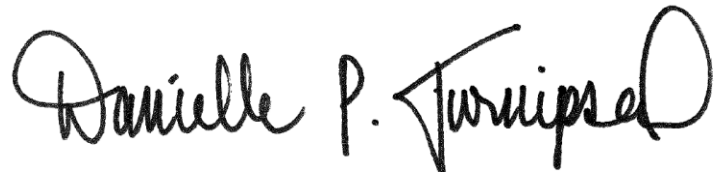
To qualify for participation in federal Title IV student aid programs, foreign graduate medical schools must meet specific statutory and regulatory requirements, including enrolling at least 60 percent non-U.S. citizen students and maintaining a minimum 75 percent pass rate on the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). However, as it currently stands, certain foreign medical schools – including a small number of Caribbean for-profit medical schools – are exempt from these minimum standards.

The Foreign Medical School Accountability Fairness Act would bring fairness to eligibility requirements for federal Title IV student aid by applying the 60 percent enrollment and 75 percent USMLE pass rate standards to all medical schools outside of the United States and Canada. The bill would benefit students attending international medical schools outside the United States and Canada, including those in the Caribbean, by ensuring they are educated under consistent and rigorous standards.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this critical issue. The AAMC looks forward to working with you to enact the Foreign Medical School Accountability Fairness Act of 2026.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle P. Turnipseed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D" and a stylized "Turnipseed" that ends in a large, circular flourish.

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cc: David Skorton, MD
AAMC President and CEO