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Dear Member of Congress:

The undersigned members of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) urge you to support the restoration of funding for the Title VII health professions programs to the amount appropriated in FY 2005 (approximately \$300 million). These programs provide vital support to the nation's medical schools and teaching hospitals for the recruitment, education and training of a unique group of physicians and other health professionals, who are more likely to provide care in rural and other underserved areas. Title VII health professions programs are the only federal programs designed to meet the needs of special populations by improving the diversity and distribution of the health care workforce.

The enacted FY 2006 appropriation cut Title VII funding by 51.5 percent to \$145 million. This cut includes the elimination of geriatric training programs, which are essential to preparing the workforce to provide quality care to the rapidly growing elderly population. Also eliminated is funding for national and regional workforce analysis centers, whose studies are necessary to determining the nation's future workforce needs. Severe cuts to Centers of Excellence and Health Careers Opportunity Programs seriously threaten our institutions' ability to recruit, educate and mentor well-qualified minority and disadvantaged students. Finally, the 54 percent cut to the primary care training programs harms training infrastructures in place at our medical schools and teaching hospitals and jeopardizes efforts to increase the number of primary care physicians so desperately needed across the country. In addition, the President's FY 2007 budget proposes to eliminate funding for all Title VII programs, with the exception of \$10 million for Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students.

We urge you to restore Title VII health professions funding to the FY 2005 level of approximately \$300 million. This relatively small investment will have enormous impact as AAMC members and our fellow health professions educators strive to provide the nation a well-trained, diverse health care workforce. For additional information, please contact Erica Froyd in the AAMC Office of Governmental Relations at (202) 828-0558 or <efroyd@aamc.org>.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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