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Florence Dunn, President
California Health Sciences University
120 N. Clovis Ave.
Clovis, CA 93612

Dear President Dunn,

Please accept this letter of support to accompany your application to the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation. The City of Clovis works hard to maintain a community where its residents can thrive and have an exceptional quality of life. Post-graduate education is a critical part of this effort and California Health Sciences University (CHSU) planned medical school will be an incredible asset for the community to build on. The school will provide critical high-value jobs and medical services for our region reinforcing Clovis as a great place for families to live and work. The City has enjoyed its partnership with CHSU and looks forward to the future as we work together.

The San Joaquin Valley has a severe shortage of primary care physicians and historically our students have had to leave our community to attend medical school and don't return to practice here.

With their vision to recruit and retain local students to help remedy the shortage of health care providers in Central California, CHSU has provided our community with greater access to higher education, health care and stimulated the local economy. They have demonstrated their commitment to the Valley by admitting approximately 60% of their pharmacy students from the region so that their 160 students currently enrolled are more likely to stay and practice locally.

The opening of a CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine might be the only opportunity that many of our students – especially those in underserved areas – have to attend medical school due to affordability, qualifications, or cultural constraints preventing them from leaving the area. Having a medical school offered in our region - especially by an institution whose mission is to attract and retain students from this area – would be a tremendous opportunity to train people who know the Valley to provide care for our unique population.

We look forward to seeing the increase in Central Valley students choosing to become doctors and getting admitted into the CSHU College of Osteopathic Medicine in the future.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information or support.

Sincerely,

Nathan Magsig
Mayor