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JIM PATTERSON
ASSEMBLYMAN, TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT

November 22, 2016

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

Re: Central Valley Health Sciences University's College of Osteopathic Medicine

Dear Mrs. Dunn:

It is my sincere pleasure to submit to you this letter in support of **California Health Sciences University's (CHSU) College of Osteopathic Medicine** - a new program from a one-of-a-kind university that we are incredibly fortunate to have right here in the Central Valley.

As a member of the California State Assembly representing the 23rd District, I believe this project will be a tremendous asset to our community. This school will help remedy the shortage of health care providers here by giving students, who would otherwise have to move out of the area to attend medical school, the ability to receive that same education in their own backyard.

In addition to enticing more doctors to the Valley, this school will stimulate the local and state economy by adding 250-350 faculty and staff positions. Each graduating physician will add approximately 9 additional jobs to the region. In addition, the school will add over \$100 million to the local and state economy.

The Assemi family has consistently demonstrated their ability to deliver positive and lasting success; and I believe this project will be no different. Please call my district office at 559-446-2029 if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Patterson".

Jim Patterson,
Assembly Member, 23rd District