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December 5, 2016

Florence T. Dunn, President
California Health Sciences University
120 North Clovis Avenue
Clovis, CA 93612

Dear President Dunn:

Valley Health Team is a federally qualified health center serving the most vulnerable rural and urban communities in Fresno County for over 43 years. We offer comprehensive primary health care services to our patients regardless of ability to pay. A major concern for our community health centers is the severe shortage of primary care physicians in the San Joaquin Valley. It is a challenge to recruit and retain quality healthcare personnel. Historically, our students have had to leave our community to attend medical school and do not return to practice.

It is my understanding California Health Sciences University (CHSU) has been granted applicant status from the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA), the only accrediting agency for predoctoral osteopathic medical education recognized by the United States Department of Education. With your vision to recruit and retain local students to help remedy the shortage of primary health care providers in Central California, CHSU will continue to provide our community with greater access to higher education and health care and contribute to the stimulation of the local economy.

You have demonstrated your commitment to the Valley by admitting approximately 60% of its pharmacy students from the region so that your 160 students currently enrolled are more likely to stay and practice locally.

We wholeheartedly support your efforts and please do not hesitate to call on us for further assistance in creating this wonderful opportunities for our Central Valley citizens.

Sincerely,



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