



**County of Fresno**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

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

Dear President Dunn:

As California Health Sciences University (CHSU) submits its application to the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation, this letter serves to communicate our support for the creation of a new Osteopathic School of Medicine in our community. Our organization remains committed to providing CHSU with the support and resources needed to assist the school deliver high quality, highly trained, medical professionals for the next century.

This opportunity is a collaborative effort to facilitate positive change in our community. The new school of medicine would benefit the region in many ways including supplying the region with high quality health care services, increased economic opportunities for the region, and showing future physicians the beauty of Clovis, CA; thus, addressing the physician recruitment and retention problems.

The development of a new Osteopathic School of Medicine is an important step in addressing the underserved populations within our state and community. We look forward to developing a beneficial partnership with CHSU.

Sincerely,

David Pomaville  
Director

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Health Officer

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