DEI Letter Outreach

As a family physician, I strongly urge you to oppose bill #[Title], which eliminates policies pertaining to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in medical academic institutions.

Prohibiting discussions on DEI is harmful as it excludes critical education on the social determinants of health. Eliminating education in this area will have a lasting negative impact on future generations of physicians and patients. Failing to educate physicians and students on recognizing health disparities will hinder our ability to deliver culturally sensitive and patient-centered care.

Social determinants of health are integral to population health, education and medical training. For this reason, medical school accrediting bodies, including the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation have integrated DEI standards. The Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), overseeing residency programs, also upholds these standards.

Additionally, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) opposes legislative efforts that seek to undermine or limit DEI in medical school curriculum and admissions.

Family physicians work in a multitude of settings, requiring the autonomy to select educational topics essential for specific patient needs.

As family physicians, we have an incredibly diverse patient population, which further emphasizes the necessity of DEI in medical education. We deliver quality care regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender, religion, or socioeconomic status. The inclusion of curricula that states the impact of diseases and treatment on specific communities is crucial to better serving our patients nationwide. I implore you to oppose bill # for the well-being of (STATE), our healthcare system and the patients we serve.

Thank you,

(Member Name)