

Dear Representative/Senator:

On behalf of the Federation of Associations of Schools of the Health Professions (FASHP), we are writing to congratulate and welcome you to the 114th Congress.

Created in 1968 as a forum for representatives from organizations of health professions education, FASHP addresses education's role in organizational matters of health care, encourages effective collaboration among the health professions in education and practice, and prepares health professionals for the future. FASHP promotes Title VII health professions training and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs under the Public Health Service Act, and programs relevant to health professions education.

FASHP looks forward to collaborating with you on policies that strengthen and support the professional health care workforce and the vital role education plays in supplying the nation with health professionals. As Congress begins its work, our member organizations look forward to your support and collaboration in promoting policies that bolster the nation's health care workforce and aim to ensure that Americans have access to high-quality health care services. Furthermore, as Congress begins the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, FASHP underscores the importance of graduate and professional student financial aid to health professions students. This is imperative, as the nation faces widespread health professions workforce shortages and calls for the necessity of training a diverse health professions workforce to care for, in particular, underserved populations.

We invite you to utilize FASHP as a resource if you have any questions about health professions education and training. Additionally, if you are interested in being connected to health professions schools in your state or district, our members are available to assist you at any time. For additional information, please contact Pamela Murphy, Vice President of Government Relations, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, at pmurphy@aacom.org or (301) 908-2137.

We thank you for your time and look forward to working with you in the 114th Congress on matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
American Dental Education Association
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Chiropractic Colleges
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
Association of Schools of the Allied Health Professions

Association of Schools of Public Health
Association of University Programs in Health Administration
Physician Assistant Education Association
Council on Social Work Education