

April 17, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

The Honorable Roger Wicker
United States Senate
425 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bob Casey
United States Senate
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Wicker and Casey,

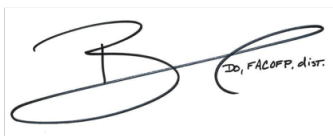
On behalf of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), I write to express support for S. 3968, the *Community Training, Education, and Access for Medical Students (Community TEAMS) Act of 2024*, which would establish a new Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant program to fund medical school clinical rotations in rural and underserved communities.

ACOFP is the professional organization representing more than 26,000 practicing osteopathic family physicians, residents, and students throughout the United States who are deeply committed to advancing our nation's health care system by improving health care delivery and outcomes and ensuring that patients have access to high-quality care. Many of our members practice in rural and underserved areas and witness firsthand the challenges that patients face in accessing health care. We support efforts to improve access to health care in these areas and address the physician workforce shortage.

The *Community TEAMS Act of 2024* would prepare medical students to serve high-need communities after graduation by enabling them to train in these communities. We therefore support this legislation, which is critically important and well-timed, as our country faces a physician shortage, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

Thank you for your commitment to addressing this important issue. We look forward to working with you in advancing this legislation. Should you need any additional information or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact ACOFP at advocacy@acofp.org or (847) 952-5100.

Sincerely,

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Brian Kessler, DO, DHA, FACOFP, *dist.*
President, ACOFP