

March 30, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

The Honorable John Curtis
U.S. Senate
502 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Angus King
U.S. Senate
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Curtis and King,

The American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) offers its endorsement of the Community Training, Education, and Access for Medical Students Act (S. 3989) with a shared commitment to improve access to health care in rural and underserved areas where the physician workforce shortage is most severe.

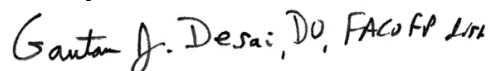
ACOFP is the professional organization representing more than 26,000 practicing osteopathic family physicians, residents, and students throughout the United States who are deeply committed to advancing our nation's health care system by improving health care delivery and outcomes and ensuring that patients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

Giving medical students the opportunity to train in high-need, rural and medically underserved communities facilitates long-term sustainable physician practice in these areas. Funding for rural health programs through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is invaluable, serving as a critical lifeline for workforce development and service expansion in underserved areas. We commend you for realizing the need to extend HRSA's authority to create greater opportunities through the availability of grants for community-based medical training.

ACOFP thanks you for your commitment to meeting the health care needs of those living in rural and underserved communities, and we look forward to working with you to bolster our nation's physician workforce, including through advancement of S. 3989.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Emily Bennett, ACOFP Director Communications & Engagement at emilyb@acofp.org.

Sincerely,



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