

September 12, 2022

The Honorable Michael Burgess, MD
United States House of Representatives
2161 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Burgess,

On behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), I offer our support for the *Foreign Medical School Accountability Fairness Act of 2022* (H.R. 8602). To ensure patients in this country receive the best physician care, it is critical that there are uniform standards for foreign medical schools receiving U.S. federal financial aid.

AACOM leads and advocates for the full continuum of osteopathic medical education to improve the health of the public. Founded in 1898 to support the nation's osteopathic medical schools, **AACOM represents all 38 colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs) at 61 teaching locations in 35 U.S. states**, as well as osteopathic graduate medical education professionals and trainees at U.S. medical centers, hospitals, clinics and health systems. **COMs educate approximately 36,500 medical students, 25 percent of all U.S future physicians.**

As educators of future physicians, we support policies such as the *Foreign Medical School Accountability Fairness Act*. This bill would require that all foreign medical schools be held to the same standards and accountability to receive Title IV federal financial aid. Under current law, certain foreign medical schools are exempt from meeting requirements that other foreign medical schools are required to meet in order to receive this federal funding.

Thank you for working to ensure medical students and schools are well served by the Title IV federal financial aid programs. AACOM looks forward to working with you to advance H.R. 8602. For questions or additional information, please contact me at dbergman@aacom.org.

Sincerely,



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