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Raymond Paredes, Ph.D.

Commissioner, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Re: University of Houston College of Medicine Proposal for New Doctoral (M.D.) Program

Dear Doctor Paredes:

I am writing to supplement our original Proposal ("Proposal") for this program as well as our Leadership Team Response to the Doctoral Site Visit Team Report ("Response"). In reviewing our Proposal and our Response we have concluded that we need to adjust some phrasing which could be misconstrued in two areas. Please know that our commitment that the College and its curriculum will foster, motivate and encourage our students who become physicians to practice in rural and urban under-served areas of Texas remains.

First, in our Proposal and our Response we have used the phrase "minorities" in referring to under-represented groups, and this was in error. Our commitment is to recruit students from under-served populations of all backgrounds and to train them to serve those in both rural and urban under-served areas.

Secondly, in our Proposal and our Response we used the phrase "50% tuition and fees scholarship funding" which needs to be adjusted. This phrasing was poorly constructed and again created a goal that could be misconstrued. Our commitment to aggressively pursue funds to provide scholarships and/or loan repayment for students to make the cost of medical school attendance more affordable for all students challenged financially, including those from under-represented groups, is unchanged.

I apologize for the lateness of this supplement but wanted you to be aware as soon as I realized that we were not totally clear in the Proposal and the Response with our statements. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,



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