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Mr. David Ferguson
Executive Secretary
Arkansas Legislative Council
Room 315
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

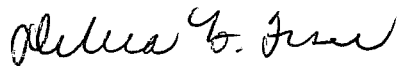
Chancellor Rahn and I are in receipt of your letter dated August 19 regarding the report of admissions to the College of Medicine for academic year 2011-12. I am enclosing the responses to your request for additional information:

1. Attachment A – A list of students in the 2011 entering class by congressional district
2. Attachment B – A list of the 18 non-Arkansas residents admitted this year
3. Your third question was a request to discuss the future impact on admissions to the College of Medicine as a result of formation of new congressional districts developed after the last federal census. I would like to provide some context for my answer. In districts with smaller qualified applicant pools, the average matriculant undergraduate GPA and MCAT scores are lower (Attachment C). It can often be challenging to identify enough qualified applicants to fill the district quotas (although we have fortunately always managed to so far). The lower qualifications translate into lower average performance in medical school - lower GPA and a higher failure rate on board exams (Attachment D).

We had hoped that the new congressional district lines would provide an infusion of additional qualified candidates from districts where the applicant pool has historically not been as strong. However, we found that there was only a very small increase in applicants from those districts (Attachment E).

I hope that I have addressed all of your questions satisfactorily and trust that you will let me know if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra H. Fiser".

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Cc: Daniel W. Rahn, M.D., Chancellor

Attachment A – A list of students in the 2011 entering class by congressional district

University of Arkansas College of Medicine: 2011 Entering Freshman Class

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<u>Student's Name</u>	<u>Congressional</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Resident</u>	
	<u>District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Home State</u>	
	<u>District # 2</u>	<u>60</u>		
Achi, Oliver Y.	2	Pulaski		
Adkison, Ashton	2	Pulaski		
Anaman, Zoe	2	Pulaski		
Arthur, Jason	2	Pulaski		
Ashley, Denise	2	Faulkner		
Baxter, Samuel R.	2	Pulaski		
Bayrak, Sinehan	2	Pulaski		
Belknap, Toby	2	Pulaski		
Bowlin, Brian	2	Faulkner		
Briggler, Andrew	2	Conway		
Burroughs-Ray, Desiree	2	Pulaski		
Camp, Sara	2	Pulaski		
Carpenter, Matthew	2	Pulaski		
Chen, Chiau-I Joi	2	Pulaski		
Coffman, Emily	2	Conway		
Connelly, James E.	2	Faulkner		
Crawford, Richard	2	Pulaski		
DeRusse, Jamie	2	Pulaski		
Epstein, Dina	2	Pulaski		
Evans, Nicholas	2	White		
Flynn, Victoria	2	Pulaski		
Gillett, Ethan	2	Salline		
Goodhart, Timothy	2	Pulaski		
Harris, Jeffrey G.	2	Saline		
Havens, Tara	2	Faulkner		
Hoover, Dustin	2	Faulkner		
Jenkins, Mitchell	2	Faulkner		
Keplinger, Kenneth B	2	Pulaski		
Kern, Emily	2	Faulkner		
Khaidakova, Gali	2	Pulaski		
Kincaid, John	2	Pulaski		
Lau, Franchesca	2	Pulaski		
McElroy, David	2	Pulaski		
Myers, Catherine	2	Pulaski		
O'Sullivan, Kevin	2	Pulaski		
Parker, Kayla	2	Pulaski		
Penny, William	2	Faulkner		
Robb, James W.	2	Pulaski		
Rowden, Justin	2	White		
Russell, James S.	2	Pulaski		
Scruggs, Claire L.	2	Faulkner		
Smithson, Kaleb	2	Faulkner		
Sowell, Erik	2	Faulkner		
Spriggs, Madison	2	White		
Starnes, Kenneth	2	Pulaski		
Stephens, Richard	2	Pulaski		
Sullivan, Bonnie	2	Pulaski		
Taillac, Nathan	2	Pulaski		
Tellez, Timothy	2	Pulaski		
Tingquist, Nicholas	2	Pulaski		
Tippit, Danielle	2	Perry		
Trapp, Clark	2	Van Buren		
Tullos, Amanda	2	Pulaski		
Turner, Samuel	2	Pulaski		
Warford, Brock	2	Saline		
Webb, Zachary	2	Pulaski		

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Attachment B – A list of the 18 non-Arkansas residents admitted this year

<u>Student's Name</u>	<u>Congressional</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Resident</u>	
	<u>District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Home State</u>	
	<u>18 Out of state</u>			
Boye, Bradley	Out of state		Illinois	
Dajani, Omar	Out of state		Minnesota	
Frizzell, William	Out of state		Idaho	
Hendrix, Michael	Out of state		Arizona	
King, Caitlin	Out of state		Pennsylvania	
Levine, Adam	Out of state		Illinois	
McDermott, Amelia Shiba	Out of state		New York	
Moak, Teri	Out of state		Mississippi	
Parcon, Paul	Out of state		Nevada	
Parsons, Andrew	Out of state		California	
Pasko, Bryce	Out of state		Colorado	
Shervani, Saira	Out of state		Texas	
Stryker, Emily	Out of state		California	
Thiel, Garrett	Out of state		California	
Thomas, Joseph	Out of state		Indiana	
Tong, Nhien	Out of state		Georgia	
Wayne, Michelle	Out of state		Tennessee	
Weidner, Tiffany	Out of state		South Dakota	

Attachment C – Average matriculant undergraduate GPA and MCAT scores

Comparison of GPA & MCAT of 2011 APPLICANTS

by Congressional District

<u>Congressional District</u>	<u>Total Number of Applicants</u>	<u>Cumulative Undergraduate Grade Point Average</u>	<u>Average Total MCAT</u>
<u>District # 1</u>	62	3.61	26.2
<u>District # 2</u>	132	3.51	25.8
<u>District # 3</u>	63	3.61	27.6
<u>District # 4</u>	62	3.50	23.6
<u>All Arkansans</u>	319	3.55	25.8

<u>Non-Arkansas</u>	77	3.49	30.5
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<u>ALL Applicants</u>	396	3.54	26.7
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Attachment D – USMLE Step I Board Pass Rate and Scores by District

USMLE Step 1 by Geography
Class of 2011 and 2012

Area	Number pass/number fail	Percent pass	Mean Step 1 Score	Total MCAT score	End of M1 year GPA	End of M2 year GPA
1 st Cong District	37 P/ 9 F	80.4%	206.3	26.6	2.82	2.86
2 nd Cong District	87 P/5 F	94.6%	219.9	29.5	3.13	3.16
3 rd Cong District	46 P/7 F	86.8%	217.9	28.3	3.15	3.17
4 th Cong District	37 P/10 F	78.7%	209.9	26.8	2.89	2.98
Out of state	45 P/ 2 F	95.7%	224	30.7	3.29	3.27

Attachment E – Impact of new congressional district lines on admissions

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