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Senator Brian Shiozawa
320 State Capitol
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Dear Senator Shiozawa,

I am writing on behalf of the University of Utah School of Medicine Alumni Association to lend our enthusiastic support for state funding of the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program (copy of the statute authorizing this program attached). We appreciate very much your request for this program to be recapitalized, at the level it was most recently funded, \$500,000/year. As you well know, this program helps address problems related to uneven access to health care in many areas of our state due to insufficient numbers of health professionals in certain regions (“medically underserved” areas). Furthermore, it helps relieve the extraordinary debt burdens of many health professional students (e.g., physicians, dentists, nurses, physician assistants), which often serve as a disincentive for their choosing a career in primary care, and locating in medically underserved areas, where their skills and care are so greatly needed.

We applaud you for your interest in securing funds for this program which has proven to be an effective way to facilitate young health professionals practicing in areas where they are most needed. Please let us know how we, the Board of the SOM Alumni Association, might be of assistance to you and your colleagues to ensure that funding for this important program is provided through the appropriations process.

Respectfully yours,

Dale B. Hull MD, MPA, President
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