

ECU Family Medicine Center – Appropriations Project

Outline for Personal Letters

Who are you?

- If you know your legislator, personally or professionally – call this to their attention – if not, briefly list your credentials.
- Include any information that will identify you as both a constituent/voter and more importantly, a Family Physician from their district.
- State your issue of concern - Funding for the Family Medicine Center at the Brody School of Medicine. Please note that this is in the capital request from the UNC Board of Governors.

Brody School of Medicine and the Family Medicine Center at ECU

- The East Carolina University School of Medicine was established in 1975 by the North Carolina General Assembly with a three-part charge:
 - To educate primary care physicians
 - To provide access to careers in medicine for minority and disadvantaged students
 - To improve the health care services in eastern North Carolina
- The Brody School of Medicine is a primary care oriented community-based school.
- The Brody School of Medicine employs over 325 Physician faculty and other healthcare providers in 20 different clinics that total over 350,000 outpatient visits per year.
- The Brody School of Medicine is annually rated among the top programs for primary care medicine among the nation's 125 medical schools.
- The April 2007, U.S. News and World Reports ranked the School in the Top 10 medical schools in the country in two categories: 6th in primary care; and 9th in rural medicine.
- Of those who graduate from medical school and complete residency specialty training here, nearly three-fourths go on to practice in North Carolina.
- Nearly two-thirds (66%) of this year's spring graduates are entering primary care residencies.
- The Family Medicine Center will increase access to cost-effective care for our state's neediest citizens.

How this legislation will affect you and other Family Doctors

- North Carolina is suffering a significant shortage of Family Physicians and other primary care physicians.
- The people of North Carolina now largely depend on Family Physicians across the state for nearly all of their healthcare needs.
- The proposed facility will offer first-rate training for Family Physicians that will not only attract top quality professors but top quality students as well. The Family Medicine Center will address the shortage of primary care doctors in the state and also expand the range of medical services to communities in need throughout North Carolina.
- The Family Medicine Center cares for an underserved, often uninsured, and racially diverse population.
- The new Family Medicine Center will serve 29 counties in eastern North Carolina, where residents have some of the worst health indicators in the nation.
- The Family Medicine Center is a critical component of the medical school's mission to address the shortage of primary care doctors throughout North Carolina.

Reminder:

NCAFP will be taking a delegation of physicians to the General Assembly on Wednesday, June 4. If you can join us, please contact NCAFP Executive Vice President Greg Griggs at ggriggs@ncafp.com as soon as possible.