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Valerie Weber, M.D. Dean and Professor of Medicine Boonshoft School of Medicine 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway Dayton, OH 45435

Dear Dr. Weber:

The Greene County Board of Commissioners fully supports the proposed Expansion of the Medical Education Building (White Hall) at the Boonshoft School of Medicine as it is a vital part of maintaining quality public health of the region.

The Boonshoft School of Medicine has a history of educating countless physicians that serve the citizens of Greene County over the past 41 years. With the expansion of the Medical Education Building, the Boonshoft School of Medicine will increase the class size to approximately 150 students, many of which will serve the region throughout their careers. This expansion will come with opportunities for increased training capabilities for medical students, residents, and first responders.

As we continue to combat against a global pandemic, we are reminded that key investments must be made in medical education to ensure access to quality medicine is never interrupted.

The Greene County Board of Commissioners fully supports the Boonshoft School of Medicine in its mission to increase the amount of practicing physicians in the region.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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# Representative Brian Lampton

November 5, 2021

The Honorable Mike DeWine Governor State of Ohio 77 S. High Street-30<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, OH 43215

## Governor DeWine:

I want to express support for the Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University as they seek support to expand their class capacity and programs. Born from a vision of a community-based medical school in the Miami Valley, the school has grown significantly from its first class of 32 students to 120 physicians in 2021. The Boonshoft School of Medicine's mission has grown significantly to include graduate medical education, clinical care, and research.

Current estimates project continued physician workforce shortages for the next decade in the range of 30,000 to 100,000 nationally. To respond to this need, the Boonshoft School of Medicine seeks to expand their class size for the entering class in July 2021 to 130. In order to accommodate the learning needs of the increased number of students in their innovative curriculum, the need for capital improvements to White Hall is needed. Currently, their largest class room can only hold approximately 130 students.

Along with the enlarged space, they are planning additional staff to handle the enlarged class size, and to ensure a successful national accreditation visit in 2025. Over the next five years, this will allow their total MD enrollment to expand from approximately 480 to approximately 600.

Additionally, they are supportive of training first responders and would have available classroom space to use for these trainings. They currently have a simulation center with outdated equipment and limited space. Expansion would allow them to be a regional center to include pipeline programs for high school students, regional first responders, and nursing.

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My legislative aide, Michael Graham, will serve as the primary point of contact for our office and looks forward to continuing to work with Wright State University in this endeavour. Our region has long benefitted from the success of our academic and research instituions. As our region looks to stay globally competitive, it is imperative that we support the next generation of medical profressionals in the Miami Valley.

Sincerely,

Brian Lampton State Representative

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October 20, 2021

#### TO WHO IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing in support of the Wright State University's Boonshoft School of Medicines (BSOM) proposal for our region. They are seeking matching funds in the amount of \$1.25 million to add educational space onto the White Hall medical education building which is on WSU's campus in Fairborn. BSOM will be self-funding the other half as the total project cost is \$2.5 million.

This project is necessary for BSOM to increase its enrollment from approximately 120 students a year to 150 students per year over the next five years. It will include larger classrooms to accommodate learning needs, as well as additional space for study and student life.

This project addresses the critical physician workforce shortage that the United States is experiencing; current estimates are that the US physician workforce shortage will be as much as 124,000 by 2034. In response to this, the Association of American Medical Colleges has called for US medical schools to increase enrollment. BSOM's mission is to produce physicians to meet the needs of the Ohio and the Miami Valley along with our strong track record of training outstanding doctors compels us to answer this call. Given that half of our graduates remain in Ohio and locally, this project will have a sustained impact on medical care outcomes in our region and a significant economic downstream benefit.

Please let me know if you require any further information on this request. Wright State University BSOM and Dayton Children's have been strong partners and we wholeheartedly support this request for funding.

Respectfully,

Deborah A. Feldman President and CEO