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HASC would like to enthusiastically support UC Riverside's proposal to bring a medical school to our region. The Inland region of Southern California has a large medically underserved population which the new medical school would serve. The projected shortfall of physicians by 2015 is 53 percent, or 1,140 doctors in the Inland Empire. The region already has the lowest number of primary care and specialist physicians per 100,000 residents in the state. The counties of Riverside and San Bernardino represent 10.4% of the State's population, greater than 22 states in the union. These two counties represent the fastest growing region in the State with 4 million people and 17% of the State's geography which equated to an area larger than 10 states in the union.

This new medical school would educate physicians who would likely stay in the area (studies show that 70 percent of doctors stay in the area where they served their residencies), attract top scholars to the school who would live in the area, and create exciting opportunities for students, industry and collaborations between UCR and the private sector in science and technology.

UCR is well-prepared for a medical school. Research is under way in health-related fields. We at HASC support taking action now to meet the looming health-care crisis in our area, or we face a crisis in the near future.