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Subject: Please Investigate the University of Pennsylvania for Race-Based Discrimination in Violation of Title VI

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Dear Philadelphia Office for Civil Rights:

This is a federal civil rights complaint vs. the **University of Pennsylvania** (University) for illegal race-based discrimination in violation of Title VI. Specifically, the University's Perelman School of Medicine operates the racially discriminatory [Visiting Clerkship for Underrepresented Minority Students in Medicine \(URiM\)](#) program, which as the program name indicates is a program that illegally excludes a majority medical students on the basis of their race, color and national origin.

According to the [University's website](#) and in the University's own words (bold added):

Program Requirements: Applicants for the funded clerkship **must come** from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine. URiM students are now considered to be **Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latino, or Native American (American Indian, Native Hawaiian, Alaskan Native, mainland Puerto Rican)**.

In violation of Title VI, medical students who are not members of one of those three designated racial/ethnic groups above in bold e.g., non-eligible medical students who are white, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern (e.g., Iranian, Turkish, Israeli, Arab, Armenian, etc.), Asian Indian, Chinese, Taiwanese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, Korean, Malaysian, Burmese, Laotian, Korean, Pakistani, Cambodian, Filipino, Sri Lankan, Malaysian, Singaporean, Laotian, Bangladeshi, Indonesian and all other Asian medical students are illegally excluded from the University's "**Visiting Clerkship for Underrepresented Minority Students in Medicine (URiM)**" and illegally discriminated against on the basis of their race, color, and national origin. Please investigate the University for illegal race-based discrimination in violation of Title VI.

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