



## Do No Harm

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Dear Auditor White,

You have shown true leadership with your [recent request](#) that Mississippi's public colleges and universities detail their spending on so-called "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion." This divisive and discriminatory ideology has no place on campus, and your actions will make it easier to dislodge. As the head of an organization that represents medical professionals and students, I ask that you pay special attention to DEI activities at your state's medical school at the University of Mississippi.

Medical schools have arguably embraced DEI to an even greater extent than other institutions – and the consequences are liable to be much more dangerous, even deadly. By its nature, DEI demands a greater focus on people's skin color instead of their character or individual characteristics. It has already been used to lower standards for admission to medical school, leading to worse quality students who will provide worse quality care as physicians. DEI has even been used to justify policies like preferential medical treatment by race, which is racial discrimination by another name.

My organization has already found that Mississippi's public medical school, along with other health-related programs across the state, have fallen prey to DEI:

-  The University of Mississippi's "[DEI Institutional Strategic Plan](#)," which covers the School of Medicine, calls for greater investment in its "Division of Diversity and Community Engagement." This means DEI is constantly being pushed at every level of the institution.
-  The UM School of Medicine has its own "[Office of Diversity and Inclusion](#)," which exists solely to advance divisive and discriminatory ideology. This means faculty and students alike are being subjected to indoctrination and political litmus tests under the guise of medical education.

 The Mississippi State “[Office of Institutional Diversity](#),” which covers the school’s life sciences and health-related courses and degrees, promotes potentially discriminatory concepts regarding recruitment of faculty and students under the guise of DEI.

I hope your request for information unearths more details about DEI’s infiltration of Mississippi medical school. The state’s residents deserve to know exactly how far it has gone down this radical road. This issue goes well beyond the quality of the education they provide. Ultimately, it affects the health and well-being of everyone who will one day be treated by the physicians these institutions teach.

Thank you for your commitment to curing this corruption in medical education and all of higher education.

Sincerely,

**Stanley Goldfarb, MD**

Chairman

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