



## Do No Harm

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Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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Dear Lt. Governor Jones,

You have shown true leadership with your [recent request](#) that Georgia'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 the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University.

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, raising concerns about students' ability to be successful. 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 Georgia's only public medical school, along with other health-related programs across the state, have fallen prey to DEI:

- The Medical College of Georgia's "[Office of Learner Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion](#)" directs students to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) "[Anti-racism Education Collection](#)." This means MCG is endorsing a concept that is based on a radical divisive ideology.
- The [MCG Diversity Statement & Goals](#) state that the school seeks to "address healthcare inequities" by including students, faculty, and staff from groups the school specifically names.
- The Augusta University Office of Diversity and Inclusion sponsors [affinity groups](#) that segregate faculty and staff according to race/ethnicity or sexual orientation, and offers [training](#) on topics such as "unconscious bias."
- The Emory University School of Medicine's [Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences](#) sponsors a visiting elective program that discriminates on the basis of race.

I hope your request for information unearths more details about DEI's infiltration of Georgia's medical education programs. 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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