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Dear Liz,

A few weeks ago, two new bills authorizing minority health programs were introduced in the Senate and the House of Representatives. The identical bills--S. 1606 and H.R. 3240--would authorize funding new minority health programs that would attack the disparity between the health of whites and minorities by encouraging the training of more black and Hispanic doctors. With this in mind, a story on Boston University School of Medicine's (BUSM) Early Medical School Selection Program would be timely.

BUSM is the first and only medical school in the country to create a program designed to increase the number of minority physicians through an early admissions program. The Early Medical School Selection Program (EMSSP) is an innovative program that allows academically-able minority students to adjust socially, hone study skills and build the self-confidence necessary for completing a rigorous medical school education.

In addition to recruiting minority students from traditionally black colleges and universities, EMSSP is now accepting Native-Americans. Our first Native-American student is completing her senior year at BU and will begin medical school in August. (Students spend the summers between their sophomore and junior and senior years as well as their entire senior year at BU.)

Enclosed you will find a packet of information on EMSSP. If you need more information or would like to speak to Arthur Culbert, director of the program or any of the students involved, please give me a call at (617) 638-8491.

Sincerely,

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