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Dear Ms. Gordon and Award Selection Committee:

Eastern Virginia Medical School was born to serve the community. In 1973, our medical school was founded through the determination of civic leaders and the community at large to combat a shortage of doctors and a lack of specialty-care options in Hampton Roads. We are proud to have helped the region overcome those challenges.

EVMS has been the regional physician and health professional workforce generator training 25 percent of the doctors and the vast majority of PAs, surgical assistants, arts therapists, psychologists, and public health professionals in Hampton Roads. This has allowed us to transform the systems of health-care delivery throughout Eastern Virginia.

Congruent with that founding vision for EVMS, we have aligned our educational, research, and clinical missions with the needs of the community and region. Our medical and health professions students come to us not only for an excellent education but also because they want to make an impact in their community. Service is part of our culture, but we have codified that ethos in two key ways. First, creation of the M. Foscue Brock Institute for Community and Global Health promotes collaboration among departments and provides a mechanism for engaging with community partners around key health needs. Second, we formalized our commitment to the community via creation of our service-learning curriculum.

Looking to the future, we developed the Center for Health Care Analytics combining the expertise of clinicians, faculty, and students in our Public Health programs. This led to the creation of the EVMS-Sentara Healthcare Analytics and Delivery Science Institute that will focus its research on health disparities and innovative care models to improve the quality of care and reduce cost throughout the communities served by Sentara Healthcare's 12-hospital system in Virginia and North Carolina.

Our vision is to become the most community-oriented school of medicine and health professions in the country. It is my earnest belief that we are well on our way to realizing that vision and are deserving of national recognition for our longstanding and distinguished tradition of service to Hampton Roads. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I nominate Eastern Virginia Medical School for the AAMC 2016 Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Sincerely,



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