[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Your City/State/Zip]

[Insert Date]

The Honorable [Full Name]

[Insert Address]

Denver, CO

Dear [Senator/Representative/Governor Last Name]:

[*Tell Your UNC Story. Introduce yourself as a stakeholder and a [student/alumnus/friend of UNC]. Tell your elected official why UNC’s Osteopathic Medicine College is important to you, your network and the state of Colorado. Mention any personal connection you may have to the elected official].*

As a University of Northern Colorado [student/alumnus/ friend], I am writing to express my support for the University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine and BILL HB24-1231.

By establishing a College of Osteopathic Medicine, UNC will help meet a critical need for our community and the state. Because of UNC’s diverse student body and its history of excellence in the health sciences, housing a College of Osteopathic Medicine is a natural fit for the university.

Colorado is facing a significant physician shortage, and UNC is eager and ready to be part of the solution. Today, 59 of Colorado’s 64 counties contain regions that are designated as health professional shortage areas in primary care. By 2030, Colorado is projected to need 1,800 additional primary care physicians.

UNC’s College of Osteopathic Medicine will graduate 150 new doctors into the workforce each year and is expected to boost Colorado’s economy by $1.4 billion over the next 20 years, with nearly half a billion of that impact remaining in Weld County.

Opening the College of Osteopathic Medicine requires a minimum investment of $200 million, of which the University is requesting $169 million from the state. Donors to the university are already showing their support for this project by investing alongside the university.  Those gifts, combined with a [record-setting gift of $25 million](https://www.unco.edu/news/articles/college-of-medicine-weld-trust-gift-2023.aspx) from The Weld Trust, total over $31 million for this initiative.

I ask that you help address Colorado’s physician shortage and strengthen its health profession workforce by supporting BILL HB24-1231 on behalf of UNC’s College of Osteopathic Medicine and Colorado’s other higher education institution’s health professions requests.

Thank you for supporting UNC and helping to address Colorado’s health profession shortage.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]