



**Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science**

**Statement on H.R. 4499**

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine in Science (CDU) is in strong support of H.R. 4499 which seeks to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that the authority of the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to make certain research endowments applies with respect to both current and former centers of excellence, and for other purposes.

If enacted H.R. 4499 would reinstate the University's eligibility for NIMHD endowment grants that were withdrawn because the University had received endowment grants for 10 years despite being underfunded for its critical health disparities research. Restoring eligibility would allow the University to continue its historic focus on research to close the gap between the burden of illness and premature mortality experienced more commonly by communities of color, as well as other medically underserved populations, as compared to the nation as a whole. It would also help to grow and enhance the University's capacity and infrastructure for health disparities research within the Urban Health Institute.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David M. Carlisle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and "C".

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