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To Whom It May Concern:

The University of Michigan Medical School Student Council supports the University of Michigan Central Student Government Assembly Resolution 6-039 *"A Resolution to Support the Creation of a ME/NA Racial Category".*

The University of Michigan Medical School Student Council recognizes the need for a Middle Eastern and North African (ME/NA) racial category to be available on all University documents that collect racial and ethnic demographic data in order to recognize and collect accurate information on the ME/NA community on our campus. Currently, students must select "white" or "other" on the CommonApp, Graduate school applications, University job applications, etc. which creates challenges for equitable allocation of funding, official ceremonies, and bias incident reporting.

Using student free-text responses of self-identified race for the 2016 and 2017 entering classes, we estimate that the Middle Eastern and North African (ME/NA) racial category would represent 6-7% of the University of Michigan Medical School student body.

As part of the Medical School's diversity mission, we seek to foster an inclusive community for our students and patients. We strongly believe that the inclusion of a ME/NA category on university documents is integral to this endeavor.

Thank you,



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