

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support increased funding for the American Diversity Group (ADG) Free Medical Clinic. I'm writing this not just because it sounds important, but because of what I've actually seen and experienced while being there.

When I first started at ADG, I thought it would just be a place where I could learn some basic medical skills. But it turned into something way more meaningful. I've met patients who haven't been able to see a doctor in years because they couldn't afford it. Some of them come in really nervous or unsure, and it's clear they're not used to being heard. But as the visit goes on, you can see them start to feel more comfortable, just because someone is finally taking the time to listen to them.

One moment that really stuck with me was seeing how much a simple conversation can matter. A patient came in really worried about their health, and at first they barely spoke. But by the end of the visit, they were asking questions and actually seemed a little relieved. It made me realize that healthcare isn't just about treatment—it's also about making people feel safe and respected.

ADG does that for so many people, especially those who don't have anywhere else to go. A lot of the patients are dealing with more than just medical problems, they're dealing with financial stress, language barriers, and feeling like they've been overlooked. The clinic gives them a place where they're treated like they matter, and that's something really powerful.

At the same time, it's obvious that the clinic is doing all of this with limited resources. There are more people who need help than the clinic can always handle, and that's the hardest part to see. With more funding, ADG could help even more patients and provide better care without being stretched so thin.

Being part of ADG has also changed me. It's taught me how to be more patient, how to actually listen to people, and how important empathy is in healthcare. These are things I wouldn't have learned the same way anywhere else.

I really hope you consider increasing funding for ADG, because it truly makes a difference in people's lives. For many patients, this clinic is their only option, and for students like me, it's where we learn what caring for others really means.

What makes ADG different from any other clinic I've experienced is the people. Volunteering here feels more real and personal than other nonprofit clinics. The patients you meet truly change you—you end up learning just as much from them as you do from physicians. Understanding their experiences and perspectives is something you can't learn from a textbook, and it's essential for becoming a good doctor.

That's why I truly believe clinics like ADG don't just help patients—they help create better, more compassionate physicians for the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rishith Metpally