

**Attention, Aggie Advocates — this is a
Call to Action.**

The Texas Legislature is considering creating a second veterinary school, which is unnecessary and will dilute state support for Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences and for the university as a whole.



Texas Capitol

**The Texas Senate and Lieutenant
Governor Dan Patrick need to hear from
Aggies on this issue now.**

1. According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 2016 report, Texas A&M is meeting all of the veterinary medical needs of Texas.
2. There are over 4,880 Aggie veterinarians currently living in Texas.
3. Texas A&M has increased its class size by 25 percent to be the largest college of veterinary medicine in the U.S., and 60 percent of practicing veterinarians in the state are A&M graduates.
4. Texas A&M boasts the largest number of food animal, rural, and mixed animal veterinarians in the nation, with 40 percent of the 2018 class choosing those pathways.
5. More than \$200 million in facilities funding has gone to help Texas A&M meet the need, and we have responded to every recommendation from the Coordinating Board on this issue.
6. The state should not invest in an unnecessary new school that has not been approved by any regulatory or accrediting bodies.

REQUEST: Beginning Monday morning, contact your [state senator](#) and Lt. Gov. Patrick's office, (512) 463-0001, to let them know the state does not need a second veterinary school. For those who prefer to send an email or written letter, contact information can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter facing Texas A&M University.

—The Texas A&M Advocacy Network



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