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Mr. Jojo Chokalingam
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Dear Mr. Chokalingam:

At your request, we have removed your name from those under consideration for admission to the M.D. Program of Harvard Medical School.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you success with your plans.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying to Harvard Medical School. We have been notified that you have listed Harvard on your AMCAS designation form and are pleased to enclose our 1999 supplemental application for admission along with our Admission Bulletin. The Bulletin will give more information about HMS to add to what you have learned from the AAMC's "Official Guide to Medical School Admission Requirements."

A complete application for admission to Harvard Medical School requires the completion of the enclosed supplemental application. To help you make a decision about submitting that application to us, you should read carefully that part of our Bulletin that describes our programs, requirements, and selection factors.

Although there is no application cutoff in terms of grade point average or MCAT scores, academic excellence is expected. The mean GPA of the students selected for admission is 3.7, with a range that is broader. Similarly, the MCAT scores of matriculants most commonly are in the double digits with a range that includes scores in keeping with the national averages. We do take into consideration the level of courses taken when considering academic performance. Honors courses and independent study or research are noted. In addition, the successful matriculant will have substantive out-of-classroom experiences indicating humanitarian concerns, leadership potential, and an aptitude for working with people. If you had insufficient room to describe your extracurricular activities on your AMCAS application, you may enclose with your supplemental application a separate page of additional information about your involvements.

We welcome applications from students representing groups that historically have had few members in the field of medicine. We are committed to the enrollment of a diverse body of talented students who will reflect the character of the American people whose health needs the medical profession must service.

If you feel that you are a competitive applicant, you should complete the supplemental application and return it to the Office of the Committee on Admissions as soon as possible. All supporting material should be completed and returned no later than November 15. A non-refundable application fee of \$75 must accompany your supplemental application, unless AMCAS has granted you a fee waiver.

Thank you again for your interest in Harvard Medical School. We wish you well in this important endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure