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Office of Academic Planning and Accountability (OAPA)
University of Louisville
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RE: Letter of Support (BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders)

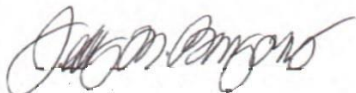
Dear Reviewers:

I am delighted to offer my full support for the proposed undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD). The degree seeks to attract students whose interests center on the biological, physical, sociocultural, and linguistic aspects of human communication and its disorders and differences. CSD is a dynamic and essential field that plays a pivotal role in improving the lives of individuals with communication disorders. The demand for skilled professionals in this area is consistently growing, and there is a pressing need to prepare a new generation of practitioners who are well-equipped to meet these challenges.

I am confident that the establishment of this undergraduate program will enhance our university's reputation and contribute significantly to the academic and professional success of our students. Moreover, it will serve as a pathway to our existing Master of Science in Communicative Disorders or Doctor of Audiology degrees for those students seeking licensure.

I have carefully reviewed the proposal and intend to fully fund its start-up based on the financials presented in the proposal. I am confident that this program will be a valuable addition to our academic offerings and wholeheartedly endorse the initiative. I look forward to its successful implementation.

Sincerely,



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