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## **University of Louisville Academic Program Committee**

Dear University of Louisville,

I am writing to express Elizabethtown Community and Technical College's full support for the University of Louisville College of Business in offering a bachelor's degree in Global Supply Chain Management.

There is a growing and significant demand for skilled supply chain professionals in the Elizabethtown area, a demand that is currently not being fully met by local educational programs. As a result, many businesses in our region are facing challenges in finding qualified talent to fill supply chain-related roles.

To partially address this need, ECTC offers several certificate programs in the fields of Transportation & Logistics. However, the introduction of a UofL major in Global Supply Chain Management as part of our Pathways program would create new and valuable opportunities for ECTC graduates to pursue a bachelor's degree while remaining in the Elizabethtown area. This would enable them to begin high-paying careers in supply chain management, contributing to both their professional growth and the economic development of our community.

Based on the current number of ECTC students considering further education, we estimate that at least twenty-five students annually would be interested in exploring a supply chain management program at the University of Louisville.

Elizabethtown Community and Technical College is proud to fully support the creation of this new program at UofL. We are confident that it will provide our students with access to lucrative career paths and allow them to contribute to the continued success of businesses in the Elizabethtown area.

Sincerely,

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