

January 24, 2013

Kathleen S. Matt Dean, College of Health Sciences

Re: Speech-Language Pathology Proposal

Dear Kathy,

We write in support of your proposal for a master's program in speech-language pathology. As we have discussed, both of our colleges have an interest in seeing this program come to fruition. We are in agreement that it will be necessary for the governor's office to provide the resources necessary to launch and reasonably sustain such a program and, that in the absence of that, the program will not be established.

Understanding that the American Speech-Language Hearing Association's approval process for initiating a master's program in speech-language pathology requires a multi-layered approval process spanning a minimum of 18 months, we recognize that there will be ample time for making decisions on faculty hires and finalizing the curriculum.

Sincerely,

Lynn Okagaki

Dean, College of Education and Human Development

George Watson

Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

Cc: Sheldon Pollack, President, University Faculty Senate

Mary Martin, Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Education