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Dear Dr. Witzke,

I write to express my enthusiastic support for the plan to propose a new RN to BSN program, leading to Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at OSU-Cascades Campus. This Oregon's first public RN to BSN Nursing program that you and your committee have envisioned is well aligned with the Institute of Medicine's recommendation on training qualification of our country's nurses and significantly address the shortage of affordable BSN programs for Central Oregon.

As you know the Department of Human Physiology at University of Oregon in Eugene have a very close and highly productive partnership in Anatomy and Physiology curriculum with Lane Community College, one of the most competitive associate degree RN program in the state. The kind of RN to BSN Nursing program you now envision provides students from across Oregon who possess an associate's degree in nursing with the skills required to engage in evidence-based practice and to function successfully as a member of a 21st century collaborative care team.

This new OSU-Cascades BSN program not only will train highly qualified and skilled nurses but also will unite health care industry, education, and the workforce in Central Oregon. I wish you and your colleagues every success with the next steps.

Sincerely,

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