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Dr. Calandra Stringer
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Dear Provost Stringer:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed programs in education and business at Tallahassee Community College (TCC). We have reviewed your request and extend this letter of support for the proposed Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Education and Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration. Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) does not offer a program in Exceptional Student Education and believe that this program could aid the State of Florida in addressing the critical teacher shortage in this area. While we do offer a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, we believe that workforce demand substantiates the need for additional graduates.

Regarding the proposed degree in Elementary Education with ESOL and Reading Endorsements, this program is offered at FAMU. Through the FAMU Ignite program and partnership with TCC, FAMU enrolls a substantial number of transfer students from TCC seeking entry into our Elementary Education program. As such, duplication of this program could have a potentially negative impact on enrollment in FAMU's College of Education. We welcome continued discussions with your team and opportunities to create additional partnerships to produce qualified teachers in the State of Florida.

Thank you again for the notification and opportunity to review the above mentioned degree programs.

Sincerely,

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