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Dear Dr. Durham:

I am pleased to support the proposal for the MS Degree in Healthcare Industry Management (MSHIM) proposed by Dr. Neset Hikmet, Director for the Center for Research in Healthcare Systems and Policies, Associate Professor of Information Systems and Decision Sciences, College of Business. The resources that may be required by this program will be covered in full by this campus. I do not anticipate many new resources during the first year of implementation since the program will be using existing faculty to operate. Over time, the Masters program will grow and we will find the resources to further staff this program as needed. I will work with Dr. Hikmet to see that he has any necessary resources prior to the program's implementation date.

Our campus is fully supportive of this new MSHIM program and feels that is the natural outgrowth of an already strong undergraduate program. It is undoubtedly that this program will be supported by the community. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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