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Dr. Erlinda J. Martinez
President, Santa Ana College
1530 West 17th St.
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Dr. Martinez,

On behalf of the California State University Dominguez Hills Department of Occupational Therapy, I am pleased to write this letter of support for Santa Ana College's proposed Baccalaureate degree in Occupational Studies. The proposed Bachelor in Science (BS) degree features more in-depth training and research-based evidence for best practices in the field and will provide a solid foundation for practitioners seeking to transition into graduate-level course work in Occupational Therapy. This is a great addition to the highly successful and fully accredited (by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education) Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program that is currently being offered by Santa Ana College.

California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) offers a Master of Science Occupational Therapy (MSOT) Program with approximately 210 student every spring and 140 students every summer and every fall semesters. The development of Santa Ana College's baccalaureate degree in Occupational Studies does not conflict with our university's program offering.

The CSUDH MSOT Program and the Santa Ana College OTA Program currently has collaborative projects in place that are mutually beneficial to both program's student learning outcomes. In support of Santa Ana College's proposed baccalaureate degree initiative, CSUDH MSOT Program is in agreement with expanding these collaborative opportunities for training and professional development activities that support both Santa Ana College and CSUDH students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Peralta-Catipon'.

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