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Dr. Shawn Gerstenberger, Dean  
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Re: UNLV Proposal for Executive MHA

Dear Dean Gerstenberger:

I am very happy to support your school's proposal to create an Executive Master of Health Care Administration program at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. We have worked closely with your school and the Department of Health Care Administration over the years to develop professionals in the health care arena. We see this new degree, with an emphasis on meeting the needs of professionals in health care who work full-time, to provide a tremendous opportunity for our employees. Because most traditional educational environments limit the number of courses our employees can take, the Executive MHA program will give them more flexibility and enable them to complete their degree sooner. It is often difficult for our employees to commit more than an evening or two per week to fit classes into their schedule.

Tailoring a program for professionals with health care administration experience will enable our employees to contribute to the knowledge of the industry as well as learn from their peers as to what other organizations face in the health care market. That the program will also be promoted nationally will create cohorts with different experiences in different health care environments and compare and contrast those experiences to help to learn from each other.

Our organization will certainly make information about this new program available to our employees. It will give them a valuable opportunity to expand their career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mason VanHouweling'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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