To whom it may concern:

I am writing to give my total support to the initiative for an Applied Master's degree in Human Language Technology (HLT).

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences has made a decision to focus on three major areas within the Prop 301 areas. In making this decision, we not only looked at funding which was possible from Prop 301, but the strength and excellence of our departments. There was no question but that the Department of Linguistics was already a leader within the domains of information technology. It has a vibrant and productive faculty and a national reputation in varying areas within Linguistics. With its recent hires, some which cross other departments (Computer Science), it has built a solid core in the area of HLT. The College is committed to hiring another faculty in the area this year and strongly takes the position that this program will have significant benefit to students, faculty, and the economic future of Arizona.

The establishment of the Applied Masters in HLT is a decision that truly reflects the focused excellence vision of the University of Arizona. It is an excellent choice for improving the educational and economic base of the community.

The proposal has the full support of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Sincerely,

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