Dr. Dianne Horgan, Associate Dean
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Tucson, AZ

Dear Dianne:

I write this letter to document my support for the *Ph.D. Certificate in College Science Teaching & Learning* proposed by Dr. Debra Tomasek. The College of Science is pleased to offer a program like this that prepares doctoral students in the sciences for future scholarship in science education. We have a very competent group of science education scholars in our college who serve as graduate advisors for doctoral students already engaged in science education research. The certificate will provide an important academic credential for these students and future students recruited to our college. Additionally, this credential will assist faculty members in working with students to develop plans of study that represent the students' interests in science as well as science education.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan Ruiz
Dean, College of Science
Professor of Geochemistry