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To: Dr. Denise Lach, Director, School of Public Policy

From: Dr. Larry Lev, Interim Head, Applied Economics

Re: Letter of Support for proposed Bachelor of Science, Public Policy

After reviewing the proposed new Bachelor of Science in Public Policy (BSPP), the Department of Applied Economics (AEC) enthusiastically supports this new degree program. The proposal does an excellent job of identifying and discussing synergies between this new program and existing OSU majors and minors and also in documenting why the BSPP does not represent an unnecessary duplication of effort. We agree that this program will attract new OSU students to the field of public policy.

The proposal correctly lists the policy-related AEC courses as electives in the appropriate BSPP fields and the AEC minors that may be of interest to BSPP students. We anticipate that this will allow us to attract new students to these courses and minors. We also believe that some of the BSPP courses will be attractive alternatives for some of our students.