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Dear Commissioner Mulligan:

This letter serves as notice that the signatory institutions below intend to submit a proposal for comprehensive program review to Missouri's Coordinating Board for Higher Education for a bachelor's degree in respiratory care (CIP 51.0908).

In 2019, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) announced that while it will support currently-accredited associate degree programs, it will no longer offer the opportunity for accreditation to new programs of study or program expansions unless they are at the baccalaureate degree or higher.

Without a mission enhancement for Missouri's community colleges, regional workforce demands in respiratory care cannot be met. Therefore, in order to meet Missouri's workforce needs and remain compliant with changes in the CoARC accreditation standards, we will submit a preliminary proposal by the July 1 deadline.

Sincerely,

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