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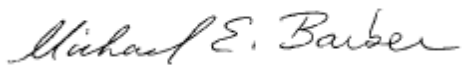
Re: Letter of Support for Graduate Certificate in WASH

Dear Dr. Okuyemi,

On behalf of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CVEEN), this letter is to confirm our strong support of the Division of Public Health's graduate certificate in Water, Sanitation, and Health (WASH). I believe the proposed Department of Family and Preventive Medicine WASH certificate will strengthen our students' abilities to understand what it takes to combat water borne diseases on a global scale. This Graduate Certificate will involve creating new courses that focus on both the social and engineering aspects of improving water and sanitation in lower and middle-income countries. I expect that these courses will be of value to students in a wide range of majors. Formalizing a course of study by establishing a Graduate Certificate will also create a way for learners to have their experiences formally recognized. The included courses from my department are routinely taught, and we do not anticipate negative impact from additional enrollment. The proposed field experiences in Ghana and other Learning Abroad sites will be an amazing opportunity for engineering students.

Thanks for taking the lead on this outstanding new graduate certificate. I am confident that it will be popular with our students and I am pleased to support this certificate.

Sincerely,



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Professor and Chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering