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Dr. Alexander,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the DOL Nursing Expansion Grant Program being submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration by the Department of Nursing at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) to support a new Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree.

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce is the largest association of businesses in Pearland. We regularly communicate with the healthcare community and understand the need for more nurses in Pearland. The addition of this expansion will aid our healthcare businesses and provide a high-quality workforce for Pearland.

There are numerous factors contributing to the nursing shortage in Texas, not the least of which is a lack of faculty and clinical educators to teach incoming nursing students

In light of the nurse faculty shortage, an MSN program designed to focus on education and leadership would address the need to prepare qualified nursing educators. With qualified nursing educators, we can proactively train individuals and fill vacancies in our region.

In conclusion, the Pearland Chamber of Commerce fully supports the efforts of the Department of Nursing at the University of Houston - Clear Lake as they seek external funding to support an MSN program.

Best,



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President/CEO
Pearland Chamber of Commerce