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Dear Drs. Maresca and Donofrio,

The Department of Plant and Soil Sciences fully supports your efforts in the development of the new Master's and Ph.D. degree programs in the area of Microbiology. We welcome students from the new programs to take courses within our department that fall within your curriculum. Specifically, students will be allowed to enroll in the following three courses:

PLSC 619 Soil Microbiology  
PLSC 611 Molecular Plant Pathology  
PLSC811 Current Topics in Microbiology

We are very excited to be a part of this initiative and we look forward to seeing Microbiology students in the classroom. We wish you great success.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Erik Ervin'.

Erik Ervin, Ph.D.  
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Dear Curriculum Committee:

I am writing in support of the proposal for a Microbiology Graduate Program that has been developed by a faculty working group representing five Colleges at the University of Delaware: Agriculture & Natural Resources, Arts & Sciences, Earth, Ocean & Environment, Engineering and Health Sciences, Health Sciences. The College of Agriculture & Natural Resources is pleased to commit one year of student support per year to the Microbiology Graduate Program for the program's five year provisional period.

The proposed program represents a critical area of research in the 21st century. It builds on strengths at the University of Delaware and promises to attract excellent students who have an interest in both the scientific aspects of water, as well as the tools needed to develop sound policy. This program will allow us to effectively leverage other investments that we are making.

The program will be an excellent interdisciplinary option for both students and faculty. Please keep me updated on the progress of this proposal to the University of Delaware Faculty Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Rieger'.

Mark Rieger  
Dean and Professor