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The Honorable Atif Qarni  
Secretary of Education  
Patrick Henry Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1111 Broad Street  
Richmond VA 23219

Dear Secretary Qarni,

The Virginia Department of Health Professions issues licenses to health care practitioners in 62 different disciplines, including certified nurse aides, pharmacy technicians, and surgical technologists. We also administer the Healthcare Workforce Data Center (HWDC), which collects and analyzes supply-side healthcare workforce data, and produces the Healthcare Occupational Roadmap to support students in evaluating certain healthcare career opportunities.

We have reviewed the materials you provided us for a Governor's Health Sciences Academy at T.C. Williams High School and we strongly support this important collaborative initiative. This Governor's Academy will provide numerous educational opportunities, including certain fields identified by the HWDC Healthcare Occupational Roadmap, helping meet increasing healthcare demands in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David E. Brown".

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