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To: Office of the President; bbursten; jsimek
Subject: DeOartment of Audiology and Speech Pathology

Dear President Peterson, Dean Bursten, and Chancellor:

I am writing to express my dismay about the news that the UT Knoxville Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology will be shut down as soon as current students have moved through their programs of studies. I know you have had many contacts, so I will be brief.

I am a graduate of the Ph.D. Program at UT Knoxville. My career has been quite successful by academic standards. I have served as a department chair at University of Arkansas for 20 years, served as President of our national organization (Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders), currently acting as Co-Director of UA's Office for Studies on Aging, previous Co-Director of UA's Teaching and Faculty Support Center. I have just completed my fifth textbook.

I share these personal items because none of these would have been possible without my time spent in the University of Tennessee's Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology. It is really that simple. The national reputation of the academic programs at UT is excellent. I look around the country, but particularly in the south, and I see evidence of leaders in our discipline rising to positions of importance and contributing heavily to the academic literature as well as serving in professional organizations. Again, I attribute all of this to the UT Department. I have sent many master's and doctoral students to UT because I knew I could count on the quality of the program.

I urge you to reconsider the elimination of this nationally competitive program. It would be a great loss to the University of Tennessee and to the country.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide further input.

Sincerely,

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