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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express support for the establishment of a multiprofessional health sciences university located in Roseburg, OR. VISN 20 needs more well trained healthcare professionals for our growing facilities. In order to support this endeavor, VISN 20 may do the following:

- Provide annual data on projected VISN 20 healthcare workforce needs so that the university may use this data to help inform enrollment targets
- Assist the university in creating affiliation agreements with VISN 20 facilities to facilitate potential clinical experiences in our facilities
- Assist trainees who engage in clinical experiences in VISN facilities locate VA employment opportunities
 - Highly qualified healthcare professionals who are completing training programs in VA facilities may be hired non-competitively, streamlining the process for both the trainee and VA

We look forward to working with you to ensure highly qualified healthcare professionals for VA and the Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. H. Carroll".

Lawrence H Carroll
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