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Tennessee Department of Education
710 James Robertson Parkway
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Dear Board Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Lane College's efforts to re-establish its Teacher Preparation Program on its campus in Jackson, Tennessee. Lane College historically provided quality teachers throughout West Tennessee who would inspire students to high academic achievement and to also become responsible members of society. Lane has shown a sincere desire to re-establish its teacher preparation, make accommodations, reach out to the community, and taking the required steps to prepare for application to the state for re-establishment for the program.

Teachers provide a very significant, lifelong influence on their students. This influence not only provides the teaching of academic skills, but also positively impacts the fostering of student self-esteem. With the establishment of its Teacher Preparation Program, Lane can again provide effective educators to not only the Jackson-Madison County and neighboring school districts, but also to school districts across the nation.

Lane College, through the efforts of its administration, faculty, and its desire to positively impact the community by providing quality educators, has shown a very high level of commitment toward re-establishing an effective Teacher Preparation Program. I highly support the college's efforts with a sincere hope and prayer that the College will obtain approval from the Department of Education.

Feel free to contact my office if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Johnny W. Shaw, State Representative
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