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Dr. Jay Siegel, Director  
Forensic & Investigative Sciences Program  
IUPUI

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE



Dear Dr. Siegel,

I have learned that you are seeking to expand the degree offerings in the Forensic & Investigative Sciences Program (FIS) by proposing to offer a M. S. degree in that area. I believe this is the right move for IUPUI and the state of Indiana at this time. Your existing FIS B.S. degree is well-established in the state and IUPUI is exceptionally well-positioned to maintain its leadership role in Indiana in training scientists in this field. I recognize that as a scientific discipline, FIS program and the science that underpins it, will evolve rapidly and we need to be prepared to offer advanced training opportunities to practicing forensics scientists that will allow them to acquire the latest techniques and to receive the appropriate credentialing in their profession. Thus, an M.S. degree becomes essential if we are to continue to effectively serve the state into the future.

You already know that Biology has been supportive of the FIS program and we look forward to collaborating with you in the new M. S. program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Douglas Lees", written in a cursive style.

N. Douglas Lees  
Professor & Chair

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