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Dear Ms. Cairns,

On behalf of the Education Studies Program at Middlebury College, I am writing to request that we initiate the review process whereby we might receive full approval for Secondary, Modern Language Instruction, K-12 Art Education, and Computer Science (pending a successful review). As you know, after our formal review process in November 2018, we received "full approval" for Elementary Education and Secondary: English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. However, because we had not had candidates in these licensure areas since our previous ROPA review, we were given provisional approvals for all there of these endorsements.

Since becoming a major, interest in all areas of our licensure program has increased, and we want to respond to student demand for these endorsements.

I have provided two different forms of documentation for each licensure area. Attached, you will find a sample course sequence a student might take through each licensure area under review and includes course descriptions of core courses a student must take in their major focus area. (This was as requested.) After sharing these documents with you, you also asked that we complete a transcript review worksheet to illustrate how each required competency is fulfilled within our program. The transcript review forms for each area are also attached.

As you and the Review Board can hopefully see, we have a robust program in each of these licensure areas. Our students receive a rigorous education in both the content area and education studies. Thank you for working with us and your patience, as things have slowed down during the pandemic. We look forward to a successful full or conditional two-year approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Affolter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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