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Dr. Anthony Bryk, President
The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
51 Vista Lane
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Dear Dr. Bryk,

On behalf of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), I am pleased to offer our support and encouragement for the work that the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has undertaken in developing alternate pathways to and through college mathematics, specifically addressed to the needs of community colleges. I also wish to express our appreciation for the opportunity to review the preliminary work on the *Statway* program undertaken by the Carnegie Foundation and the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas, Austin.

The MAA's Association Review Group (ARG) has examined this preliminary work and stated that "The MAA ARG supports the intent of creating a pathway through Statistics for non-STEM students intended to accelerate their progress through the course and to provide the algebraic and numeracy concepts and skills necessary for success." We consider the goals and learning outcomes of this program to be consistent with good undergraduate education in the mathematical sciences and comparable to the learning outcomes of introductory college-level Statistics as taught across the United States.

I, personally, am pleased by the involvement of MAA members in the development of these goals and learning outcomes and am impressed by the care with which plans for continuing assessment and constant re-evaluation of the effectiveness of the program have been laid out.

Sincerely,

David M. Bressoud, President
Mathematical Association of America

cc: Bernadine Chuck Fong