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**Utah State University
College of Agriculture
Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences**

Section I: Request

The department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences, College of Agriculture, Utah State University, requests suspension of its Biotechnology Emphasis. The Biotechnology emphasis falls under the Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences.

Section II: Need

The Biotechnology emphasis has had only one student (currently a junior) in the program since its inception five years ago. The Biotechnology emphasis (and its two options) requires significant faculty and staff time to keep the plans of study up-to-date and workable as four-year roadmaps, especially as course offerings change in response to budget reductions. The released time and effort of faculty and staff will be applied toward improving advising for students in the department's larger enrolled programs.

Section III: Institutional Impact

There are no expected impacts to the institution from this suspension. The department courses required for the Biotechnology emphasis will continue to be taught because they are required for other emphasis areas in the department.

Discontinuance of the Biotechnology emphasis will be pursued according to a time frame that allows the current student to graduate. For new students desiring a degree in biotechnology, alternate degrees in biotechnology are offered through the Department of Plant Soils and Climate and the Department of Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Sciences in the College of Agriculture.

Section IV: Finances

There will be no direct financial costs or savings from suspension of the Biotechnology emphasis.