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Dr. Charlotte V. Kuh  
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Re: An Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs (BHEW-Q-03-02-A)

Dear Charlotte and Jim:

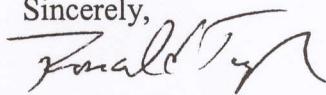
On July 18, 2007, the Committee to Review Studies on Human Subjects, acting as the National Academies' Institutional Review Board, met to consider the progress and status of the referenced on-going project.

I am pleased to inform you that the Committee **has approved** the continuation of this project consistent with 45 CFR 46 and our Federal-Wide Assurance, FWA 00003198 subject to the following conditions:

***Approval is contingent*** upon (a) project staff informing the Committee when all personal identifiers to survey data have been destroyed once the necessary data has been collected, and (b) project staff informing the Committee by what means it intends to ensure that even small numbers of data will be aggregated at high enough levels that specific individuals cannot be identified through use of the public database.

If the research has not been completed by July 2008, the project shall be reviewed again at the Committee's annual meeting to be scheduled in early summer next year. Otherwise, please notify me when the research has been completed.

Sincerely,



Ronald D. Taylor, Chair