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Re: An Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs (BHEW-Q-03-02-A)

Dear Charlotte and Jim:

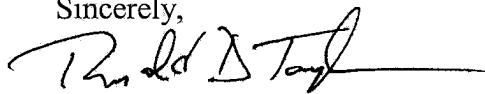
On behalf of the Committee to Review Studies Involving Human Subjects, acting as the National Academies' Institutional Review Board, I am pleased to inform you that your requests presented in the November 10 Form #2 are approved.

Regarding issue #1: The contractor requests the option to collect potential respondents' phone numbers and addresses for the sole purpose of directing participants to online surveys and consent forms and not conduct mail or phone surveys. This request is approved, however, I remind you that a protocol has not yet been submitted describing the detailed procedures that will be used for maintaining, analyzing, and disseminating data from this assessment and thus protecting confidentiality of data in the public database and for protecting the confidentiality of the rankings data. This approval is subject to the condition that, at the appropriate time, the IRB must review and approve such a protocol.

Regarding issue #2: The revised questionnaires are submitted for approval. These appear to be minor adjustments to previous information and do not contain information that raise IRB issues of concern.

If the research has not been completed by June 2007, 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