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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:

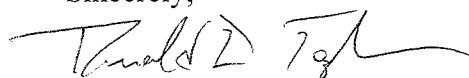
On June 17, 2008, the Committee to Review Human Subjects, acting as the National Academy of Sciences' Institutional Review Board, met to consider the progress and status of the referenced on-going project.

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

The approval is subject to the condition that additional approval must be sought if the protocol changes or if/when the decision is sought to provide researchers access to "sensitive" data as discussed at the June 2008 meeting.

If the research is not completed by June 2009, 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 or if there are any changes in the approved protocols.

Sincerely,



Ronald D. Taylor, Chair