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Dear President Crow:

The Social Work Program at your institution is preparing for a site visit from the Council on Social Work Education’s Commission on Accreditation. As you probably know, the Program has prepared a comprehensive self-study documenting its compliance with the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards.

The Site Visitors look forward to meeting with you and other members of the administration. The Visitors will be especially interested in the administration’s view of the Social Work Program within the context of the University setting, the University’s vision for the Program, and an evaluation of the Program’s significance to the overall mission of the University.

The responsibility of the Site Visitors is to carefully read the program’s self-study, to collect information from the visit that clarifies and verifies the self-study information in the areas identified in its charge from the COA.

While the Site Visitors will not be in a position to inform the Program whether or not it is in compliance with the standards, observations about the strengths and weaknesses will be discussed. The Site Visitors will complete and record the findings in the Site Visit Report. The Commission on Accreditation reviews the report and the Program’s response to the report makes its final decision.
The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and its predecessors, along with the social work profession, have expressed confidence in the Council’s accrediting process since the early 1900’s. Nonetheless, we would be most interested in any suggestions you care to make that would improve our process.

Feel free to call or write to me at any time should you have questions or concerns about the Council’s accrediting process. We appreciate your support and investment in Social Work Education.

Sincerely,

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