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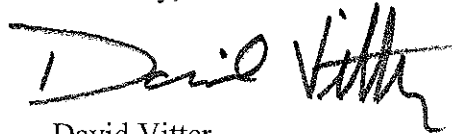
Dear Ms. White:

Recently, the Louisiana District Attorney Association (LDAA) was notified that it received designation of a 2009 Congressional Earmark Award in the amount of \$800,000. This funding is to support the expansion of an early intervention program for at-risk elementary students. Upon learning of the specific details involved with the federal grant award the LDAA became concerned that legal issues surrounding governance of the organization may create an impediment to LDAA serving as fiscal agent.

It is my understanding that the LDAA has identified and recommends the Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette as the appropriate organization to accept this grant award. The Center provides high-quality, rigorous evaluations of programs that are implemented to address learning from birth through adulthood. Applied research is continually conducted in all areas of child education, health, and well-being to ensure a prosperous and healthy future for all of Louisiana's children.

I agree with the LDAA and am supportive of this award being transferred to the Cecil J. Picard Center at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Sincerely,



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