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Dear Victoria Norwood,

I want to take this opportunity to again thank you for your participation in the work of the ACGME in its review of Patient Safety in the Teaching Environment, Resident Supervision, Patient Care Handovers, Professionalism and Fitness for Duty, and Resident Duty Hours.

Attached please find a confidential table containing the draft Supervision, Patient Safety and Professionalism, and Resident Duty Hour Standards. This table summarizes the work of the task force, and compares the recommended standards to the current ACGME standards, as well as the December 2008 Institute of Medicine recommendations.

These standards are being released today at 5PM, at which time a general request will be made to the public for their comment over the succeeding 45 days. We encourage suggestions and/or comments of support from you and all members of the community.

I would like to personally, and on behalf of the entire Graduate Medical Education community, express my gratitude to you for your meaningful and significant contributions to the national dialogue on these issues over the past 14 months. I believe that these standards articulate our shared goals of patient safety in the teaching hospital today, of the safety of patients of our physicians in training in the future, and of the provision of a humanistic and professional educational environment within which our residents will learn both the theory as well as the art of medicine and surgery.

Thank you, again, for your advice and support in this important project.

Warmly,

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Chief Executive Officer