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As of July 9, 2010:

NCA Higher Learning Commission
230 S. LaSalle St., Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1413

Chancellor Rita Cheng
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Anthony Hall 116
Carbondale, IL 62901

Dear Chancellor Cheng:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning Southern Illinois University Carbondale by The Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on August 16, 2010, the Institutional Actions Council voted to continue your accreditation, as well as extend your accreditation to include the Master of Science program in Behavior Analysis and Therapy at Step-by-Step Academy in Ohio. The date of this letter is the effective date of this new status with the Commission.

I have enclosed your institution's *Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS)* and *Organizational Profile (OP)*. The *SAS* is a summary of your organization's ongoing relationship with the Commission. The *OP* is generated from data you provided in your most recent (2009-10) Annual Institutional Data Update. If the current Commission action included changes to the demographic, site, or distance education information you reported in your Annual Institutional Data Update, we have made the changes on the *Organizational Profile*. No other organizational information was changed.

The attached *Statement of Affiliation Status* and *Organizational Profile* will be posted to the Commission website on Tuesday, August 31. Before this public disclosure however, I ask that you verify the information in both documents and inform Mary B. Breslin B.V.M., your staff liaison, before Monday, August 30 of any concerns that you may have about these documents. Information about notifying the public of this action is found in Chapter 8.3-3 and 8.3-4 of the *Handbook of Accreditation, Third Edition*.

Please be aware of Commission policy on planned or proposed organizational changes that require Commission action before their initiation. You will find the Commission's change policy in Chapter 7.2 of the *Handbook of Accreditation*. If you have any questions about how planned institutional changes might affect your relationship with the Commission, please write or call Mary B. Breslin B.V.M.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you and your associates for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia Manning".

Sylvia Manning
President

Enclosure: Statement of Affiliation Status
Organizational Profile

cc: Chair of the Board