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RE: Letter of Support for Dr. Roberta Hibbard

Dear Sir/Madam:

I was thrilled to learn that Dr. Roberta Hibbard was nominated to receive the IU Chancellor's Faculty Award for Civic Engagement. This is my letter of support for her nomination.

Dr. Hibbard is a true representative of what the IU Chancellor's Faculty Award exemplifies. I have known Dr. Hibbard for several years as a colleague and have been aware of her reputation for excellence long before I had the privilege to work alongside her in my current position. Many deputy prosecutors in Marion County share my opinion that Dr. Hibbard has been instrumental in the education of prosecutors, law enforcement and other individuals that work in the field of child abuse and neglect.

It is difficult to express the true impact that Dr. Hibbard, and the work that she tirelessly performs each day, has on our community because it is so immeasurable. Her opinions relating to child abuse cases are objective, consistent, accurate, concise, thorough and reliable. In my opinion, there is no one in the State of Indiana more qualified or respected to render an opinion about whether a child's injuries are attributed to maltreatment, accident or medical condition.

I look forward to each interaction that I have with Dr. Hibbard because I know that I will walk away from that interaction having learned something new from her. It is obvious to me that she is truly committed to the work she does for the medical community, during her committee interactions and leadership roles on those committees, for other child abuse professionals and our community at large.

In closing, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the many contributions that Dr. Hibbard has provided to the prosecutors in Marion County and other child abuse professionals and I look forward to continuing to work alongside her in our shared mission of protecting children from abuse. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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