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Chancellor's Professor Selection Committee
Indiana University

Re: Roberta A. Hibbard, M. D.

Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing to express my strongest possible support for the nomination of Roberta A. Hibbard, MD for the Chancellor's Faculty Award for Civic Engagement. Dr. Hibbard has been on faculty at IUSM since 1985. During that time she has been the driving force behind the development, publication and implementation of the statewide Child Protection Program that has been the model for other programs nationally.

Her credentials in service, teaching, research and clinical work in the area of child abuse and maltreatment, make her the foremost expert in the state of Indiana on this subject. She is often consulted by government agencies and the media as an expert in this area. She epitomizes the concept of civic engagement and service, furthering the IUPUI mission "to advance the State of Indiana and the intellectual growth of its citizens to the highest levels nationally and internationally through research and creative activity, teaching and learning, and civic engagement."

Developing a systemic approach to providing protection, advocacy and a voice for abused and maltreated children, Dr. Hibbard developed new processes, has educated and has provided new insights for health care providers, Child Protection Services case managers, law enforcement, child services attorneys, prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, guardians and treatment and service providers. She is directly responsible for what are now considered many of the 'best practices' for working with these children and youth and for new policies initiated by the Indiana Department of Child Services.

Dr. Hibbard's work has led to new programs and clinics developed to fill a significant need in the care of children suffering from abuse or neglect, such as the Child Sexual Abuse Clinic (now called the Pediatric Center of Hope), The Liaison Child Abuse Forum, The Child Abuse Consultation Team, and the Pediatric Evaluation and Diagnostic Services.

Her dedication, her spirit of caring, and her accomplishments were all honored in 2009 by the Indiana State Medical Association with the Dr. Kathleen Galbraith Legacy Leadership Award which recognizes citizens who share a commitment to address issues of endangerment and violence in communities in Indiana.

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Dr. Hibbard meets every criteria for the 2011 Chancellor's Faculty Award for Civic Engagement and I believe she is an outstanding candidate for this award. Thank you for your highest consideration of this deserving advocate for children in the State of Indiana.

Sincerely,

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