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RE: NPEIV Letter of Support – SMART-2011-2979 Grant Application

Dear Ms. Baldwin:

We are writing in support of the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence's (NPEIV) application for the SMART 2011 Grant on Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Training and Technical Assistance Program. We serve on the Executive Committee of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC).

APSAC is the leading national organization supporting professionals who serve children and families affected by child maltreatment and violence. As a multidisciplinary group of professions, APSAC achieves its mission in a number of ways, most notably through expert training and educational activities, policy leadership and collaboration, and consultation that emphasizes theoretically sound, evidence-based principles. Our membership is comprised of many of the leading scholars, researchers, and frontline professionals from all disciplines serving child maltreatment, including judges.

We are well aware of issues related to violence against children and sex offender management because we publish the leading journal in the field entitled *Child Maltreatment*. *Child Maltreatment* provides a common ground for practitioners, policy makers and researchers from various disciplines by creating an important synthesis of contributions in science, theory, practice and policy issues.

We recognize the enormous potential for NPEIV to not only create a safer, healthier society but also the potential for this project to have a national impact on judicial processing and multidisciplinary collaboration. Like APSAC, several organizations partnering with NPEIV utilize a multidisciplinary approach and often provide training to the judiciary on sex offender management. Also, many of us regularly provide trainings on a regional and national level, as well as national and international conferences.

NPEIV is unique in that it already has the infrastructure and resources to draw on many of the leading experts in the field of sex offender management to provide the training and services necessary to manage a grant of this magnitude. Since being involved with the NPEIV, we have been amazed at the intellect and energy devoted to accomplishing the task of understanding and preventing violence against women and children. We believe the unifying force of the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence can make a real difference in the lives of children and their families and hope that NPEIV receives the grant to aid all of us in our common goal.

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Please feel free to contact us directly with any questions or concerns, 757-303-6799 (cell). Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald C. Hughes".

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Viola Vaughan-Eden".

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