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Ms. Elizabeth Ann Witt
United States Department of Education
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3W251
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Ms. Witt:

This communication is being sent to apprise you that the Indiana Department of Education wishes to amend its revised state plan to reflect the continued use of the HOUSSE options for veteran, special education and alternative education teachers to demonstrate that they are highly qualified. Indiana's revised plan, submitted in 2006, reflected the USDE position that HOUSSE should be phased out by June 2007. Our decision to amend the plan was carefully deliberated and based on the Secretary's letter sent in September 2006.

Please be assured that this decision will not adversely affect teacher quality in Indiana, a state that has a long history of stressing the importance of qualified teachers. All teachers are required to be appropriately certified and highly qualified for the classes to which they are assigned to teach.

Thank you for your continued guidance for our staff members as they administer Title II, Part A and the Highly Qualified Teacher provisions of No Child Left Behind.

Sincerely,

Dr. Suellen Reed
Superintendent of
Public Instruction

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