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Idaho State Board of Education
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RE: Open Letter to the State Board of Education – Deaf/HH Standards-writing Process

March 28, 2007

Dear President Stone,

The Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is pleased with the results of the initial phase of the Deaf/HH standards-writing process.

As you know, the Standards Committee consisted of a broad spectrum of individuals with expertise in deaf education: deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, certified teachers of the deaf, a certified interpreter, administrators of deaf education programs, a school psychologist for the deaf, a speech-language pathologist, an audiologist, parents of deaf and hard-of-hearing children, early intervention program managers, former special education directors, as well as other knowledgeable individuals.

Clearly, the excellent composition of the Standards Committee led to high quality results in a timely manner. Further, we appreciate the open and collaborative spirit that was fostered during the Standards Committee meetings. Stakeholders hope that the outcomes created by the Transition Committee will be equally positive and productive.

We appreciate your efforts and invite you to contact us if we can be a resource to you.

Regards,

The CDHH Board

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Cc: State Board Members, Mr. Dwight Johnson, Ms. Karen Echeverria, Ms. Allison McClintick, Ms. Jessica Piper, Deaf/HH Standards Committee Members, Deaf/HH Transition Committee Members