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Dr. John T. Snow
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Dear Dr. Snow:

Thank you for submitting the report of the Committee of Visitors (COV) for the GEO Education and Diversity (GEO E&D) program, which was held May 24 to May 26, 2010. I am grateful for your committee's thorough and valuable analysis of these programs.

I was delighted to learn that you concluded that these programs have been well managed and efficiently run by dedicated program managers and that planning and prioritization have been excellent.

I am deeply appreciative of the time that very busy people like yourselves have committed to helping the NSF and the community, not only in providing a retrospective of performance by the GEO E&D programs over the past three years, but also in looking toward the future. You have provided many constructive comments on broad issues fundamental to the business operations of NSF and investment priorities required for the health of the geosciences workforce and geoscience education community going forward. Your suggestions regarding future directions for the GLOBE and GEO-Teach programs are especially helpful.

Once again, thank you for recognizing the quality of our staff and operations. We will continue to strive to maintain the tradition and challenge of close cooperation with the geoscience education community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TK", written over a horizontal line.

Timothy Killeen
Assistant Director

Enclosure

Copy to: COV Members
Louise Kellogg, AC/GEO Chair