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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The Honorable Robert Scott  
Commissioner  
Texas Education Agency  
1701 North Congress  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Commissioner Scott:

Thank you for submitting Texas' graduation rate information for peer review in accordance with 34 C.F.R. § 200.19(b)(6)(i). I appreciate the efforts that were required to prepare for the peer review that occurred in February 2010. After careful review and consideration of Texas' submission as well as the feedback received from the peer reviewers, I am pleased to approve Texas's proposed graduation rate goal and targets for use in making adequate yearly progress (AYP) determinations based on assessments administered in the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years. The approved goal and targets are set forth in Section 7.1 of Texas' amended Accountability Workbook, which you recently submitted to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) and which will be posted on the Department's website.

My staff and I will continue to review other aspects of your graduation rate peer review submission and, if we have any questions or concerns, we will contact you in the near future. Enclosed is a copy of the peer review comments, which I took into consideration in my decision to approve Texas' graduation rate goal and targets. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact Victoria Hammer at [Victoria.Hammer@ed.gov](mailto:Victoria.Hammer@ed.gov) or Vicki Robinson at [Vicki.Robinson@ed.gov](mailto:Vicki.Robinson@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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