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The Honorable Tom Harkin
United States Senate
731 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Harkin,

On behalf of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), thank you for your tireless championship regarding issues of significance to social workers and your dedication to expanding access to life-changing education programs for countless Americans.

It is our pleasure to present you with this plaque to illustrate our appreciation for your efforts over the years. Through your work as Chairman of the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee you have supported funding for programs critical to social work and social work education such as the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP). MFP provides financial assistance to help increase the number of racial and ethnic minority individuals who are trained to work with underrepresented and underserved persons with or at risk for mental health and/or substance abuse disorders. Your support of this program as Chairman is deeply appreciated and has had a profound impact on increasing the diversity and cultural competence of those serving in the field as social workers.

Additionally, we are grateful for your commitment, as Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and indeed throughout your entire tenure in the Senate, to improving the lives of Americans. Thank you for your dedication to increasing access to higher education for all, your perseverance towards making America healthier and expanding access to healthcare, and your tireless advocacy on behalf of individuals with physical and mental disabilities. Your efforts have made the United States stronger, and we appreciate your leadership and commitment over the years to these issues.

Thank you again for your dedication to matters of great importance to social work and social work education. Although your tenure may be concluding, I have no doubt you will continue to champion these important issues. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darla Spence Coffey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Darla Spence Coffey, PhD, MSW
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