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Dear Bill,

I am writing on behalf of the Confederation of Independent Societies (CIPS), a national psychoanalytic membership association and member of the Psychoanalytic Consortium. We support the Accreditation Council for Psychoanalytic Education's (ACPEinc) application to the Department of Education to become a national credentialing agency for psychoanalysis.

Each of the Consortium's member associations has somewhat differing ideas about training standards and represents a broad range of theoretical orientations. We are united, however in our basic commitment to a broad vision of psychoanalysis as a method of treatment characterized by depth and intensity and, accordingly, as a discipline whose practice requires a lengthy and rigorous program of professional training and education. ACPEinc standards are exacting and extensive and commensurate with our common convictions about psychoanalysis. We are therefore joined as one in support of ACPEinc and its establishment as our national credentialing agency; it has been and continues to be a central organizing goal for us.

Furthermore, the ACPEinc has accredited more than twelve programs nationally in psychoanalysis. Several psychoanalytic associations that are member organizations of CIPS are currently in varying stages of applying to the ACPEinc for accreditation. One is fully accredited, others have either achieved provisional status or are in the final stages of the accreditation process. The CIPS Board has received positive feedback regarding site visits from our member associations. We support the work of the ACPEinc, and recognize its potential status as an accepted, organizing force in the broader psychoanalytic community.

We look forward to further positive consideration by the Department of Education.

Sincerely,



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The Confederation of Independent Psychoanalytic Societies