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Dear Dr. Gray,

The Northwestern Psychoanalytic Society and Institute (NPSI) seeks to have on its faculty but also to employ as consultants mental health professionals who are trained as psychoanalysts. While this may seem obvious, as we are an psychoanalytic institute ourselves, it is important to mention that a main reason we value the psychoanalytic point of view, and seek to employ those trained as psychoanalysts is that this training offers the greatest depth of understanding both of the individual psyche and its defenses, vulnerabilities and modes of functioning, but also that of the community itself.

Psychoanalytic viewpoints strive to understand the fluidity of the individual but also the functions of stabilizing structure with regard to emotions and goals, which institutions within the community may offer. We feel this multi-level appreciation of the complexity of psychic functioning is vital for the growth and enduring life of the individual, but also the institutions and the community as well.

For these and other reasons we strive to associate with the highest levels of psychoanalytic training we can attain. *ACPEinc, as the national accrediting body in psychoanalytic training, is providing assurance not only in the depth of training but in the value of psychoanalysts coming from various disciplines in the mental health field.* We value highly our accreditation with ACPEinc and the other Institutes which have also received ACPEinc accreditation.

We hope this letter of support will convey our value and appreciation for the role ACPEinc plays in maintaining psychoanalytic standards on the national level.

Sincerely,

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