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STATE'S REAFFIRMATION
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Dear State Family:

Over the course of the past three days, West Virginia State University (WVSU) welcomed a visiting team of peer reviewers from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). During that time, we shared the incredible spirit and passion of West Virginia State University—a passion we exhibit daily through our commitment to excellence, accountability, and student-centeredness that is at the heart of all the University strives to achieve.

Each and every day, you demonstrate your commitment to our mission and vision. These past three days were no exception. The HLC peer reviewers welcomed the opportunity to meet with each of you and were humbled by the strength and passion you exhibit for our University. Time and time again, the HLC site reviewers remarked on the incredible hard work, dedication, and familial spirit of our students, faculty, and staff. One reviewer exclaimed that she wishes she could bottle our enthusiasm and take it home with her! So many of you spoke with great love and appreciation for State and all the University represents in the lives of yourselves, your families, and our community.

During the HLC's visit, I was deeply impressed by the willingness of each and every student, faculty, and staff member to share your love for State, as well as provide any and all information the team needed and answer any questions they had. I am so proud and humbled to be a part of the State family. Please allow me to express, in no uncertain terms, my humblest appreciation to each and every one of you for your tremendous hard work, incredible dedication, and unparalleled passion as we strive to achieve West Virginia State University's reaffirmation of accreditation. Although the team will continue their work in the days and weeks to come, I am confident the University exhibited the academic quality, financial acumen, and collaborative spirit necessary to achieve our reaffirmation of accreditation.

With everlasting gratitude,

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President