



National Coalition For Literacy

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April 6, 2006

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This letter concerns nominations for Board members to the National Institute for Literacy. In March 2005, Cheryl D. King was nominated by the Council for Advancement of Adult Literacy to fill one of the three currently-expired terms on the NIFL board. Dr. King proceeded to complete the paper work subsequently required from her and she awaits word on her candidacy.

The National Coalition for Literacy wants to take this opportunity to express its strong support for Dr. King's nomination. She would be an excellent addition to the NIFL board and enjoy the confidence of both children's reading and adult education experts.

The Coalition would also like to nominate a second candidate to the board. She is JoAnn Crandall, an internationally-recognized ESL expert. We can think of no adult educator more qualified in regard to ESL issues. Dr. Crandall is Professor of Education, Co-Director of the MA Program in ESL/Bilingual Education, and Director of the Doctoral Program in Language, Literacy, and Culture at the University of Maryland's Baltimore Campus (UMBC). She was formerly vice president of the Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington, where she established and directed the National Clearinghouse on Adult ESL Literacy and several adult refugee and immigrant information dissemination and technical assistance projects.

Dr. Crandall has broad experience in all areas of adult ESL including teaching, research, curriculum development, program evaluation, standards development, and teacher training. She is currently co-research director of a major national study of Adult ESL in Community Colleges. She was president of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), and its Washington area affiliate, and of the American Association of Applied Linguistics. She holds many leadership awards and has served on numerous national and international advisory boards for adult ESL research and practice. She holds her Ph.D. in Sociolinguistics from Georgetown University.

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Dr. Crandall's presence on the NIFL board would add valuable and much needed expertise to that body. She has excellent analytical skills and is a positive, caring, disciplined professional. Moreover, she has indicated that she would welcome and be honored by the opportunity to serve. She can be reached at the University of Maryland (Baltimore County), 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250.

We are extremely pleased to endorse Dr. Cheryl King and to nominate Dr. Crandall.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Lipschultz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Dale Lipschultz, Ph.D.
President

cc: The Honorable Margaret Spellings
The Honorable Heriberto Gonzalez
The Honorable Michael O' Leavitt
The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Dr. Sandra Baxter