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Dear Ms. Baker,

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, I would like to thank you for your contribution to the 1999 Charter Schools National Conference. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you for your help in making this conference a success.

The insights you shared will help other attendees as they open and operate their own charter schools. As you may know, the President has called for the creation of 3,000 charter schools over the next few years. The success of these schools will depend on leaders like you finding solutions to the obstacles facing charter schools.

We are considering holding a third national charter schools conference and would appreciate your insights on how to improve future events. Please direct your comments to Alex Medler at 202-205-9786. You can also reach him by fax at 202-205-5630 and by e-mail at alex_medler@ed.gov. A final report on the conference evaluation will be available soon. It will be available over the internet at the conference website: www.uscharterschools.org. The report will include individual session evaluations if you are interested in feedback on your session.

We will also maintain the conference agenda website, including links to related documents. If you would like to post any documents that would be useful to the field, please forward these materials to Alex Medler.

It has been a pleasure working with you, and I look forward to collaborating on future projects.

Sincerely,

Judith Johnson
Acting Assistant Secretary of Education