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Ms. Sherri Walsh
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Dear Ms. Walsh:

I am responding to you in response to your letter of March 5, 2011, regarding the Inquiry into the Circumstances Surrounding the Death of Phoenix Sinclair. The University of Manitoba seeks standing as an intervener at the Inquiry. As Dean of the Faculty of Social Work, I have been authorized by The University of Manitoba to lead the institution's participation, as it is my Faculty which has the most direct interest in the proceedings.

The Faculty of Social Work at The University of Manitoba is the only accredited social work educational program in the Province. Accordingly, the majority of social workers with undergraduate or graduate degrees working in Manitoba's child welfare system are graduates of the Faculty. Moreover, the Faculty continues to work with the Child Welfare Authorities and the Child Protection Directorate to identify training and educational needs for social workers and others working in the system. To this end, we have collaborated in the establishment of a range of educational opportunities including courses, diplomas and specializations with a focus on child welfare. Faculty members have also been involved in research and program evaluations in the area of child welfare, at a provincial, national and international level. In addition, the faculty is currently engaged in reviews of its curricula and the Inquiry is certainly relevant to these activities.

Please let me know if any additional information is required to support this application.

Sincerely,

Harvy Frankel, M.S.W., Ph.D
Professor & Dean

cc: Dr. Joanne Keselman, Vice-President (Academic)
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