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Mission

The Alliance for CME is a membership organization that provides professional development opportunities for CME professionals, advocates for CME and the profession, and strives to improve health care outcomes.

May 4, 2007

Murray Kopelow, MD
Chief Executive
Accreditation Council for CME
515 North State St Ste 2150
Chicago, IL 60610

Dear Murray,

Thank you for spending time this past Saturday morning with the Alliance Board of Directors to discuss the Senate Finance Committee's Report on Use of Educational Grants by Pharmaceutical Manufacturers. Our Board was appreciative of the opportunity to discuss outcomes of the study and found your insights on the report very valuable.

We want to reiterate the Alliance's offer to collaborate with the ACCME as the CME profession responds to the challenges of our profession presented by the Senate Finance Committee Report. It is incumbent upon the Alliance and the ACCME to continue efforts that improve our professional practices in CME and to make the public and governmental officials aware of those efforts.

In addition, the Alliance is willing to work with the ACCME in appropriate ways to raise the standards of practice in our profession and assure the provision of quality educational services that are in compliance with ACCME/SMS accreditation standards. We need to have the proper standards in place which assure separation of promotion and education. This is an ethical challenge faced by many professions and one that can be adequately addressed through proper adherence to those standards.

The Alliance stands ready to collaborate with the ACCME, as well as other CME stakeholders, and is committed to advancing the CME profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Ann Capizzi".

Sue Ann Capizzi, MBA
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cc: Ronald Wade, MD
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