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Dear Tim:

Please find below my answers to the questions asked by Senator Deb Peters, Chair of the Government Operations and Audit Committee, and Representative Jean Hunhoff, Vice-Chair of the Government Operations and Audit Committee.

1. Please explain what your role and responsibilities were for both the first and second GEAR UP grants.

When I came to the department of education in July of 2005 the department had just received notification that they had received the first Gear Up grant. To the best of my recollection, I became the project director in the fall/winter of 2005. For the second grant, I was hired as a consultant to:

- *Attend and chair all meetings of the grant advisory council.*
- *Attend conferences as requested.*
- *Assist with the hiring of key project personnel.*
- *Assist the Project Directors with evaluating grant proposals and grant activities.*
- *Utilize professional and political contacts to benefit the grant.*
- *Draw on past positions and experiences to assist with the successful implementation of the grant.*
- *Assist the Project Director in all day to day grant activities as assigned.*

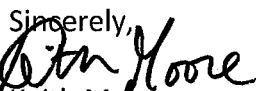
2. Please provide the timeline of your work with the GEAR UP grants as a consultant or employee of the Mid Central Educational Cooperative.

I was a consultant for the Gear Up grant from August of 2012 - September of 2015.

3. Who appointed you to the GEAR UP Advisory Board?

Dan Guericke asked me to serve on the Gear Up Advisory Board.

I will be unable to attend on October 5 and 6. Please extend my sincere thanks to Senator Deb Peters and Representative Jean Hunhoff for this opportunity. I hope my responses are beneficial to the committee.

Sincerely,

Keith Moore

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