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Dear :

I would like to request your assistance by providing the Department of Geological Sciences, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, with a review of a brief proposal that is enclosed. We are pleased to be able to offer you an honorarium of \$250 to compensate you for your time and efforts. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) periodically evaluates programs for performance funding across the various state institutions of higher education by major field testing, which is summarized on page 8 of the THEC document entitled "*Performance Funding Standards*" (copy enclosed). During the performance period beginning with the Summer Semester 1999, and ending with the Spring Semester 2000, all graduating seniors in our Department will participate in this evaluation.

Part of the evaluation process, as discussed in the enclosed green handbook entitled "*Major Field Testing*" is that any proposals for implementing new evaluation measures must be reviewed by two experts located at higher education institutions outside of the state of Tennessee. Previously we had used the Geology Subject Test of the Graduate Records Examination (GRE) as the standardized measure. However, in the attached proposal we describe our justification for using our Field Geology (440) course, instead, as a measure for evaluating our graduating seniors. We solicit your written comments on this proposal, and we ask that you send them back to us, together with a copy of your current curriculum vita and your Social Security Number, by August 15, 1998. Upon receipt of your evaluation we will then send you your honorarium.

We greatly appreciate your assistance with this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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