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Dear GWEP & GEC Directors:

Thanks for your passion in providing geriatric education to our healthcare workforce, families and caregivers. Since we are entering a very challenging new year, ***we want to invite you to become a member of NAGE/NAGEC***, an established and proven national organization, which has been able to lobby and facilitate cooperative efforts for those interested in Geriatric Education. With the changes in Title VII and VIII funding, there has been a paradigm shift in the provision of geriatric education and we recognize that through our collective efforts, we can insure that all older adults receive high-quality care from a competent, interprofessional and culturally diverse workforce.

The National Association for Geriatric Education (NAGE) is a 501(c)6 organization, which employs a lobbyist in Washington, DC. NAGE's goals are: 1) to educate the administration and Congress about the importance of training the health care workforce, families, and caregivers in geriatrics and gerontology; 2) to urge legislators to provide adequate funding for the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Programs (GWEPs) and other Geriatric education programs; and 3) to protect these programs from future budgetary cuts and to increase appropriate funding when necessary.

The National Association of Geriatric Education Centers (NAGEC) is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, under the umbrella of NAGE. NAGEC supports geriatric education by facilitating networking, resource exchange, and collaborations.

Membership in NAGEC/NAGE provides a national forum to meet fellow grantees, to learn about other projects, and to identify opportunities for collaboration through a national meeting held at the GSA's annual meeting and other meetings such as AGS and AGHE. The organizations provide a website (includes policy updates, encourages opportunities to respond to Congressional members and staff questions, announcements about funding) and a quarterly online news journal, the "Pipeline". ***The dues have been reduced to \$250*** for individual or organizational membership. We invite you to join us as we work to meet the huge demand for a healthcare workforce trained to provide great care to our senior citizens. ***The application is attached.*** We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely, for the Board of Directors

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