June 5, 1998

Dr. Susan B. Asselin, Chair
Advisory Committee for Marianne Mooney
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Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Dear Susan:

At the request of Marianne Mooney, I have reviewed the materials she has maintained in the conduct of her dissertation research. The materials included a sample of the raw data (tapes, transcripts, and personal notations), progress forms, a methodological decisions log, an analysis log, and a professional contact log. Marianne and I have discussed the progression of her research on several occasions. Overall, the records reflected careful planning and implementation of the study. As a reliability (consistency) auditor, I certify that she has provided an adequate audit trail, and that the inquiry was conducted using acceptable professional practices.

Sincerely,

Dr. Virginia J. Reilly
ADA Coordinator EO/AA Office
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
June 6, 1998

Dr. Susan B. Asselin  
Major Advisor/Marianne Mooney’s Committee  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Dear Dr. Asselin,

This letter is to confirm my findings as a reliability auditor for Marianne Mooney's dissertation research. I have received, from Ms. Mooney, a sample of her records including raw data (tapes, transcripts, and field notes), a methodological decision log, an analysis decision log, and a professional contact log.

After review of the documents provided, I conclude that Ms. Mooney has carried out the inquiry processes in a manner in keeping with acceptable professional practice. In general, the logs reflect capful thought and adequate organization. The documentation of these processes lends support to the dependability of the study.

Based on the above observations, I certify that a sufficient dependability trail has been provided by Ms. Mooney for the present study and that accepted professional practices have been followed in the inquiry.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelli Thuli  
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