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Dear Dr. Lenz,

Thank you for your letter dated August 13, 2019 about the challenges your community faced with the implementation of the new Common Program Requirements this year, and the information required to be entered into the ACGME Accreditation Data System (ADS). The ACGME strives to balance the collection of information to meet the needs of the Review Committees with the effort required for programs and institutions to submit that information. The work required this year was greater than we anticipated and we want to apologize, particularly since it was during such a busy time of year.

The effort that designated institutional officials, program directors, and staff members made to provide this information is greatly appreciated. The information collected this year included new areas, such as program mission and goals, diversity and inclusion, and pain management. We expect the level of work in these new areas next year to be significantly reduced, since the information that was entered for the current year will be carried forward in ADS, such that programs will only need to make any appropriate updates. Programs can also continuously add and update the information as they more fully develop their activities related to the requirements.

We appreciate your comments and would welcome any specific suggestions you have about how to more efficiently collect information as well as provide timely updates to the community. Our goal is to make this a more efficient and effective process.

Thank you for all that you and your faculty and staff members do to educate the physicians training in your programs, and I look forward to working with you to support your mission to provide the best possible training to the next generation of physicians.

Sincerely,

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Chief Accreditation Officer

cc: Gabriel Bosslet, MD; Maryl Krieder, MD; Kristin M. Burkart, MD, MSc; Jennifer McCallister, MD; Hugo Carmona, MD