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Dea Wir. Webb:

On behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), I congratulate the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation (FLETA) Board on ten years of groundbreaking efforts to improve the professionalism of Federal law enforcement training. Your successful establishment of the first set of national accreditation standards for Federal law enforcement training has positively impacted the Federal law enforcement community resulting in measurable, consistent, relevant, and high quality training as the new norm.

The concept of a national accrediting body for Federal law enforcement training was untried, untested, and novel when Public Law 107-67 was enacted in November 2001, laying the foundation for what today is the FLETA accreditation process. In August 2002, when the FLETA Board of Directors came into existence, the Board quickly went about the difficult task of establishing the first ever set of national accreditation standards as well an effective accreditation process.

The record reflects a decade of superior follow-on achievements: the first academy accreditation in 2005, 15 accredited academies and 61 accredited programs, 135 FLETA assessments conducted, and 816 assessors trained to date with a current roster of 135. In the course of just ten years, thanks to the hard work of the FLETA Board and its operating arm, the FLETA Office of Accreditation (OA), FLETA Accreditation is now recognized worldwide as a highly sought after and respected stamp of professional approval.

It has been my honor to preside over the FLETC's support for the FLETA Board and OA and our participation in the FLETA process. I look forward to the continued success of the FLETA accreditation process and its substantial contribution to the quality of Federal law enforcement training.

Sincerely,

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Director