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Dear Day on the Hill Participant,

The convention and our visits to the capitol are just around the corner. We are excited to share an overview of the day as it has evolved and provide you with information on how you can prepare for a successful experience. The purpose of our *Day on the Hill* event is threefold. Our first purpose is to visit with our nation's policy makers in an effort to promote understanding of the importance of quality leadership preparation to effective schools. Our second is to emphasize the role that UCEA plays in supporting quality leadership preparation programs. Finally, our third purpose is to provide legislators with guidance on how they can support quality programs.

The theme of the visit is Quality Leadership Matters, and we identified three talking points that reflect UCEA's work and commitment to quality leadership preparation: 1) quality leaders are essential to supporting teacher quality and student achievement, 2) the quality leaders our schools need come from quality programs like those affiliated with UCEA, 3) program quality is dependent of continuous program improvement that is based on valid evaluation measures and technical support. To ensure that you feel comfortable speaking to each of these issues, we have prepared a talking points document, a list of background readings and resources, and a workshop. Prior to the visit you will have an opportunity to participate in a half hour workshop on each of the three issues.

All of these resources (except the workshop) are available on the UCEA Day on the Hill website. On that website you will also find a list of individuals we are meeting with, visitation schedules, visitation teams, links to the individual senators and representatives with whom we will be meeting, information on etiquette during visits, and a list of questions for you to address in preparation for the visit. One of the homework items is to let UCEA know about some interesting things your program is doing (we are particularly interested in stories that are related to one of the three talking points) that we can share during our visits, with the plenum and UCEA community. Please forward your story(s) to us (ucea@austin.utexas.edu) by November 3rd, if possible.

As for the day itself, we will begin at 8:00 am with a continental breakfast. Followed by:

- I. Welcome and Introductions from UCEA Executive Director Michelle D. Young
- II. DOH Kick Off and Q&A with Cyndi Wilkinson, 21st Century Group Inc.
- III. University Preparation Program Success Stories
- IV. Workshop Station Rotation
- V. Lunch and Transportation
- VI. Visits to Capitol Hill and the US Department of Education
- VII. Reception at the 21st Century Group Headquarters

Our first *UCEA Day on the Hill* is going to be a tremendous experience for all involved. It is important to note that this is a UCEA event designed to *educate not lobby*. Speaking as a representative of your institution requires you follow your university's protocol for legislative visits. However, visiting as a member of UCEA does not require special action.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all in Washington next month.

Michelle D. Young

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