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Dear Nancy and Barbara:

The GSUSA Charter Steering Committee has been working to simplify the charter process so that it reflects the realities of today's councils, builds partnership, and creates a forum for solution-based efforts that are mission focused and contribute to a consistent, nation-wide leadership experience for girls. In 2011 we will be piloting the new process. During this transition period, councils will receive 1 or 2 year charters. In some cases, 6 month extensions of existing charters will be granted in anticipation of changes that could affect the charter evaluation and the council.

The National Board of Directors recently took action on charters expiring on December 31, 2010. On behalf of the National Board of Directors, I am pleased to inform you that **Girl Scouts of Western Ohio has been issued a two year charter, beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2012.**

This decision was based on the results of the most recent Council Performance Indicator and the accumulated record of council activities and services from Girl Scouts of the USA. An in-depth analysis of membership patterns, including the percentage of girls, ages 5-17, served in your jurisdiction over the charter period, as well as your council's financial history, was also reviewed.


We are confident that you and your board will continue to build on your strengths as noted in your CPI. As your partner in transforming the Girl Scout Movement, GSUSA is committed to supporting your efforts to build capacity so that even more girls have an opportunity to benefit from our leadership development program. Over the next year we will be field testing the new charter process and your council will be using this process for your next charter renewal.

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On behalf of the National Board, I extend sincere appreciation for all that you do and send best wishes for a successful year.

Sincerely,



Linda Mazon Gutierrez
National Secretary

c: Connie Lindsey, Chair, National Board of Directors
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