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Dear Dr. Reddy,

On behalf of the Newberry Library, The University of Illinois at Chicago, and Chicago Teachers as Scholars (TAS), I would like to thank you for leading the seminar "Climate Change and Water Crisis" on November 17 and 18, 2008. It was a wonderful seminar. The participants shared how they enjoyed the interaction with you and how impressed they were by your knowledge. They also mentioned the high quality discussion inspired by your topic. One participant commented, "This seminar was interesting and challenging. The instructors were great. The seminar rejuvenated my enthusiasm for learning in a classroom setting. It sparked my enthusiasm for encouraging my students to be life-long learners."

As you are aware, TAS provides a valuable service for Chicago Public Schools teachers in search of professional development and intellectual renewal. One of the fundamental objectives of TAS is to bring the latest research and scholarship to the attention of teachers. By all accounts your presentation met that goal and also helped teachers develop ways to transmit that knowledge to their students. Without the passion and command of subject material demonstrated by our presenters, this program could not offer the high-quality seminars participants have come to expect.

Again, thank you for a wonderful seminar.

Sincerely,



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