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Dear Jill:

I have enclosed the third of five reports from NASSGAP for Grant Number 1914. The funds this year were dedicated to further improving the NASSGAP website with particular focus on developing an Annual Survey query tool for members and researchers to use for the purpose of further understanding how state student aid is spent, used and targeted. While the query tool is the most powerful and potentially most popular application, at least with financial aid researchers, that was refined this past year, it was hardly the only improvement that was made with the Lumina grant and NASSGAP's matching funds. For example, stage II of our efforts to further enhance the online poll was completed and we've developed a strategic plan for future web improvements.

Our goal and task for the upcoming year is to improve how researchers anytime and anywhere can use the Annual Survey online query tool so that they can get a better understanding how state aid is distributed to students in the form of grants, scholarships and early intervention. Our plans for the final year of the grant will focus on improving the site in ways that will help states and the general public better understand the myriad of programs that all states and others have to offer to assist students in defraying higher education expenses.

In short, NASSGAP is not only grateful for your support but we're a better organized and more student-focused association because of it. Please let me know if you have any questions. On behalf of the NASSGAP, I want to again thank you and the Foundation for your invaluable assistance.

Sincerely,

Dennis Obergfell
Acting Executive Director
State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana &
Chair, NASSGAP Web Committee.