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Debra H. Fiser M.D.  
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Re: Promotion of \_\_\_\_\_ to Professor with Tenure

Dear Dean Fiser:

I am pleased to recommend the promotion of \_\_\_\_\_ to Professor with tenure on the Clinician Scientist pathway.

**Background:** \_\_\_\_\_ received her medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed her Pediatric Residency at the Johns Hopkins University. She completed a General Academic Pediatric Fellowship and received an MPH degree from the University of Washington. She joined our faculty in the Department of Pediatrics as an Assistant Professor in 1996 and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2002.

**Clinical:** \_\_\_\_\_ commits 11% of her time to clinical care in our General Pediatric Clinic at ACH. She is a Board Certified pediatrician. Her income over the last 3 years has varied from \$42,182.00 to \$63,721.00. The patients she cares for are extremely complex and require a significant percentage of her clinical time. She is highly regarded and recognized both for the quality of care she provides and the empathy which she brings to patient care.

**Research:** \_\_\_\_\_ devotes 51% of her time to research. Her focus is on pediatric injury, particularly ATV injury and traumatic brain injury. She is independent and is currently funded for \$1,983,315.00 as principal investigator, and she is co-PI on \$2,300,000.00 worth of grant funding. She has 30 peer reviewed manuscripts with three manuscripts under review and five in preparation. She has made over 30 research presentations, primarily to national and international audiences. Her recent productivity has been excellent. She was recently notified of several grant awards for \$2,303,605.00 which will greatly enhance the chances for a competitive renewal for the COBRE program at UAMS. Dr. Garcia-Rill stated, "Her success in accruing these awards is phenomenal. Please join me in congratulating her." As Dr. Barkin, a Vanderbilt Professor of Pediatrics says in her letter, "Her unique skill set which combines an expertise in pediatrics, public health, and health policy allows her to generate 3 dimensional hypotheses and solutions."

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Education:                      commits 19% time to education. She has mentored six faculty and fellows, 16 residents, four medical students and 13 graduate and undergraduate students. She teaches in the General Pediatric setting, and serves as a clinical preceptor for a Pediatric Resident Continuity Clinic. She has excellent teaching evaluations, and in 2004-05 she received 4.93 out of a possible 5. Her evaluations remain consistently at the top of the curve. More significantly, she has 12 peer reviewed articles that have been co-authored with her students and fellow faculty members. She has numerous testimonials regarding the effectiveness of her teaching. According to Dr. Thomas DeWitt, Professor and Director of the Division of General and Community Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, "What is striking is not only the number of individuals that she has mentored, but the fact that many of them have successfully published their mentored work."

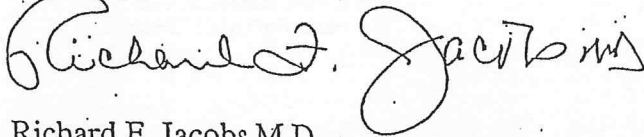
Administration:                devotes 19% time to administration. She is the Section Chief of our CARE (Center for Applied Research and Evaluation). She served as Co-director of the Department of Pediatrics' Center for Health Promotion from its inception in 1997 until last year. She recently established the Pediatric Injury Prevention Center at ACH. She was on the Chancellor's Planning Committee for the College of Public Health. She has served on several other UAMS and ACH committees, including the ACH Bioethics committee which she has co-chaired since 2004. She has served in several offices in the UAMS Women's Medical Faculty Development Caucus, and she is currently President of that group. In addition, she has served on the Arkansas Injury Coalition of the Arkansas Department of Health, and she is currently on the executive committee of that organization. She has been very active in state politics working to improve the health and safety of Arkansas' children. At the national level, one of her colleagues in the American Academy of Pediatrics, Professor Phyllis Agran from the Department of Emergency Medicine from the University of California Irvine Medical Center, stated, "She has taken over as chair of the Injury Prevention Program Committee, a tough, critical job."

Professional Recognition:        has excellent evidence of professional recognition. She received an Excellence in Scientific Writing award from the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine. In 2006, she received the Department of Pediatrics' Mentor of the Year, a very deserving honor.                      is on numerous committees of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and she is on the Executive Committee in that organization's Section on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention. She has been Abstract Chair for the American Academy of Pediatrics for the last two years, a thankless and very time consuming job. She is a reviewer for seven journals, and she serves on the Injury Prevention Study Section. She has been invited to testify before the Transportation Subcommittee of the US Senate Commerce Committee on ATV Safety. She has provided 13 invited lectures to national forum, including a recent invited keynote address regarding injury prevention at our national Pediatric Academic Societies meeting.

In summary,                      has excelled in patient care, teaching research and administration. She cares for complex patients in a diverse patient care setting with excellent billing, despite only 11% of her time devoted to clinical work. She has done the kind of research that has resulted in taking patient care from epidemiological studies to the community that will result in a safer state and nation. Her mentoring and teaching have resulted in numerous publications by her students as well as outstanding evaluations by her residents. Her administrative capabilities have resulted in the Injury Prevention Center, a place for advocacy and education, and she is recognized

nationally by her peers as a leader in her field. I strongly endorse promotion to  
Professor with tenure. is a true star in the Department of Pediatrics and UAMS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard F. Jacobs M.D." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Richard F. Jacobs M.D.  
Horace C. Cabe Professor and Chair  
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