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**RE: Reaffirmation**  
University of Pittsburgh (PA)  
Baccalaureate Social Work Program (BSW)  
*2015 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS)*

Dear Chancellor Gallagher:

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Congratulations on this achievement.

COA reaffirmation decision types are described in section 2.6 COA *Reaffirmation Determination and Decisions* in the [EPAS Handbook](#).

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