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Dear Joe,

Naturally I am glad to find that the committee on writing courses has endorsed my editorial in the CHRONICLE and agrees with me that we should not hire temporary faculty. But I hope their endorsement extends to the entire content of the editorial, not just that recommendation. Other major points include

Assign energetic, dedicated and respected teachers to freshman composition classes

Increase support to hire more regular faculty members trained in the teaching of writing to staff more freshman courses and to train new teachers of writing

Revitalize lower-division teaching so that freshmen and sophomores receive the best possible instruction in writing and reading literature.

Work to revamp the system of motivation and reward which has discouraged regular faculty members from investing their efforts in lower-division teaching and has overrewarded highly specialized scholarship and publication.

I think it's important for the committee to affirm that when it endorses my piece in the CHRONICLE it endorses all of it, not just a specific negative recommendation. I hope the members will make that clear.

I will be out of town from June 17 through 22 as I am going to New York to meet with Ford Foundation officials about their commitment to college writing programs. I will be here from June 24 through 28 and will be glad to meet with you then if that's convenient.

Cordially,

Maxine