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W. Calvin Horton Town Manager Town of Chapel Hill 306 N. Columbia Street

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Dear Mr. Horton:

We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended **June 30, 2004** qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The Certificate of Achievement plaque will be shipped to:

Kay Johnson Finance Director

under separate cover in about eight weeks. We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. To assist with this, enclosed are a sample news release and the Certificate Program "Results" for reports with fiscal years ended during 2003 representing the most recent statistics available.

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.

Sincerely,

Government Finance Officers Association

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Stephen J. Gauthier, Director

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