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Dear Friends of the NCLRC,

I would like to update you on the future of the NCLRC. As you know, we are one of 15 Language Resource Centers (LRCs) funded by Title VI of the U. S. Department of Education (USDOE) to “improve the teaching and learning of foreign languages in the United States.” The LRC program began in 1990; we were one of the first LRCs and the only one in the Washington, DC area. Over the years our focus has gradually shifted from research on language learning and teaching to outreach to K-16 teachers and instructors of world languages. This outreach includes our newsletter, *The Language Resource*, our website, www.nclrc.org, summer institutes for language teachers, conference presentations, and free downloadable teaching materials such as our recent methodology text, *Teaching World Languages: A Practical Guide*. We have always tried to be responsive to you, our readers, by providing you with resources and information that you need.

The funding for the Language Resource Center program grants is for four years, followed by a new USDOE competition that awards new grants to successful LRC applicants for the next four years. A competition took place this summer and we have just received information that the NCLRC was not selected for funding for the 2014 - 2018 grant period.

We are deeply disappointed by the news and we know that you share that disappointment.

We realize that it would be a disservice to the world language education community to close down our resources and services immediately. Therefore, we are seeking alternative funding to continue as a resource to all of you under our new name, **NCLRC@GW**. With additional support, we hope to be able to continue our newsletter, maintain our website, provide our most popular summer institutes for world language teachers, and continue disseminating our resources for language teaching and learning. We welcome your input and suggestions regarding the work going forward. And, of course and most importantly, we look forward to our continued association.

With good wishes to all,

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