**Center for Plain Language Celebrates International Plain Language Day**

*5th Anniversary of the Plain Writing Act of 2010*

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 13, 2015 – The Center for Plain Language will join clear communication fans around the world today in celebrating International Plain Language Day.

October 13, 2015 also marks the fifth anniversary of President Obama’s signing of the Plain Writing Act. The law requires that federal agencies use "clear government communication that the public can understand and use." Agencies must also train employees in writing and dedicate a section of their websites to the issue.

“The Center is happy to be celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Plain Writing Act on International Plain Language Day,” said Susan Kleimann, Center for Plain Language Chair. “We’re proud of our role in grading the progress that government agencies make in communicating in plain language to their constituents. The Plain Writing Act started the ball rolling, but communicating clearly requires on-going attention and commitment. The Center’s annual Federal Plain Language Report Card helps makes sure that agencies continue to improve the clarity of their communication.”

The 2015 Federal Plain Language Report Card will be announced by Congressman Dave Loebsack on Tuesday, November 17, 2015.

To see the Federal Plain Language Report Cards from previous years — including an explanation of how each report card was graded — visit the [Center for Plain Language’s website](http://centerforplainlanguage.org/report-cards/).

**The Center for Plain Language**, a non-profit organization, helps government agencies and businesses write clear and understandable documents. The Center supports those who use plain language, trains those who should use plain language, and urges people to demand plain language in all the documents they receive, read, and use. For more information and to become a member, visit: [centerforplainlanguage.org.](http://centerforplainlanguage.org/)

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