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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2009 11:53 AM  
**To:** negreg09  
**Subject:** With Regard to DOE's 34 CFR Chapter VI Negotiated Rulemaking

To whom it may concern,

I am a graduate of the Ashford University MBA program submitting my comments in regard to DOE's 34 CFR Chapter VI Negotiated Rulemaking. I found the quality of the MBA program to be excellent and the rigor of the coursework commensurate to any state school or campus program that I have ever been a part of however Ashford's real strength is in the student support and framework by which they deliver educational services to which in my opinion, they have few equals. The MBA I earned from Ashford University has allowed me to change careers from Federal Law Enforcement to my current position as a Project Analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. I am certain that without this credential that such a career change would have been impossible.

I chose to use the 100% online option to earn my degree because of the flexibility it afforded me. Working in law enforcement of any type usually requires long, odd hours where my schedule could and often did vary from one day to the next. Without having the flexibility of attending class online there would have been no way for me to earn my degree. I think you may find that our soldiers will have similar challenges. The accelerated format of the MBA program was extremely challenging to keep up with however it can be managed to those students who show the aptitude and self discipline to complete the program, certainly Ashford University has the support framework in place to make such an undertaking as seamless as possible.

I hope your proposed changes in policy will afford the same opportunity for other students, working professionals, military and first responders that I had. Please remember to consider the needs of those people whose professions are not as student friendly as others, especially those students who place themselves in harm's way in order to protect our standard of living and freedom here in the United States.

Sincerely,

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