

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Catherine E. Lhamon
Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
Office for Civil Rights
Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202

RE: Pepperdine University's Title IX Exemption

Dear Ms. Lhamon:

Please accept this letter as Pepperdine University's withdrawal of its 1976 request for an exemption from certain provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The 1976 exemption request was granted by the Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"). Since that time, the University has not asserted its exemption. While the University continues to be controlled, within the meaning contemplated by Title IX, through its affiliation with the Churches of Christ, the University is committed to complying with Title IX.

We are thankful for OCR's respect for the religious freedoms of religious and religiously-affiliated organizations. The University would appreciate OCR removing it from any list of universities holding a Title IX exemption or, alternatively, including this withdrawal in any public disclosure of its Title IX exemption materials.

Sincerely,



Andrew K. Benton
President & CEO