

**Case Name:** *In the Matter of* Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

**Docket No.:** 16-44-O

**Filing Party:** Respondent, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

**Exhibit No.:** B-O-37



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December 27, 2017

Michelle Edwards, President  
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools  
750 First Street, N.E. Suite 980  
Washington, DC 20002-4223

Dear Ms. Edwards:

I am writing this letter to express support for the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) petition for recognition as a national accreditor by the United States Department of Education. The Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools ("Ohio State Board") has enjoyed a productive working relationship with ACICS for many years through our work with the registered schools in Ohio that are accredited by ACICS.

Over the past few years we believe that ACICS has made many positive changes to its processes and procedures. In particular, ACICS has adopted and implemented new accreditation standards to improve the effectiveness of its accreditation process, with emphasis on student outcomes and collecting and verifying outcomes data. In addition, ACICS has improved its outreach and communications efforts with its regulatory partners. We receive frequent communication and notifications from ACICS concerning monitoring and compliance issues at schools within our state and we are invited to attend site visits and/or provide any pertinent information concerning the school(s) at issue. These ongoing efforts by ACICS to share information and work together to solve problems have helped improve and strengthen the school oversight process in Ohio.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for ACICS during the recognition process. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

For the Board,

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John P. Ware  
*Executive Director*