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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2009 3:15 PM
To: negreg09
Subject: Ashford University--Clinton, Iowa

Dear Department of Education,

I am a member of the community and an active civic leader in Clinton, Iowa; home of Ashford University. I am submitting my comments in regards to the DOE's 34 CFR Chapter VI Negotiated Rulemaking. I would like to provide you with my thoughts on Ashford University's online program and encourage you to take my email into consideration in your deliberations.

As the immediate Past Chairperson of the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, I would like to emphasize the importance of Ashford University to our business community. The presence of a brick and mortar campus here in Clinton has been extremely important to the betterment and marketability of our community, and Ashford continues a long proud tradition started by the Franciscan Sisters as Mt. St. Clare College. Ashford has strived to be a big community supporter in many ways, walking the walk, and not just talking the talk. We have been fortunate to have a representative from Ashford on our Chamber Board of Directors for most of the time that they have been here in Clinton, and those representatives have been active and enthusiastic.

The presence of a 4 year college here in Clinton is so critical to a well-rounded community, and we are very fortunate to have Ashford. I hope your rulemaking will allow current and future students the same access to an Ashford University education as has been available in the past.

Sincerely,

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Clinton Engineering Co., Inc.
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Immediate Past Chair of the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce