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Ms. Wendy Macias
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Dear Ms. Macias:

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Chamberlain College of Nursing, which represents nursing students all over the U.S. , I thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments concerning the forthcoming negotiated rulemaking process.

Chamberlain College of Nursing has a rich tradition of excellence and innovation. Specializing in high-quality nursing programs for over 120 years, we educate knowledgeable, caring and clinically proficient registered nurses. Chamberlain has students on campuses in five different states: Illinois, Ohio, Florida, Arizona, and Missouri. In addition, we have a large post-licensure online program with over 1500 students enrolled from most of the 50 states in the U.S. Our graduates help to alleviate the ever growing nursing shortage by practicing the profession in varied health care settings and by serving as nurse educators.

We strongly support that students attending all accredited institutions of higher education, regardless of an institution's public, private not-for-profit or proprietary status, be availed the resources and equal opportunity to attend the institution of their choice. If the United States is to emerge from the current economic downturn, it will require all sectors of education and multiple access and engagement points for a diverse array of students.

Chamberlain also heeds the Department's and Obama Administration's call to address the academic progress of American students from cradle to career. For most, but especially first time, first-generation students, discovering tangible college pathways is key to attaining educational success.

Our students are a diverse group representing a wide variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. At Chamberlain students interested in nursing have the opportunity to enter at the level of licensed practical nurse and proceed all the way through a master's program. In addition to cultural diversity,

we enjoy a student population that is over fifteen percent male, which is slightly higher than the national average. Our students enjoy a number of advantages over other nursing programs including the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree in nursing in three years instead of four, the opportunity to experience nursing in developing countries as part of a community health practicum, and a high level of customer service. A number of our students make great sacrifices to achieve a nursing career that for many of them has been a lifelong dream.

Thank you for your consideration.

