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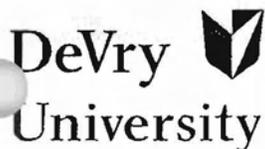
Attached please find letter of today's date with comments regarding upcoming negotiated rulemaking process.

Regards,



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Dear Ms. Macias:

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of DeVry University – California thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments concerning the forthcoming negotiated rulemaking process.

DeVry University focuses on creating value for students, employees and society. We have a long and proud history of producing graduates that are prepared to enter the workforce and hit the ground running into their careers. Our steadfast commitment to quality, integrity and innovation has held firms for over 77 years. Our practitioner-oriented faculty delivers industry-relevant education through DeVry's Colleges of Business & Management, Engineering & Information Sciences, Media Arts & Technology and Health Sciences. Creating value, especially for our students and graduates, is intrinsic to our institutional culture and guides everything that we do.

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.

DeVry 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. DeVry University's Advantage Academy provides such a pathway by enabling high school students to simultaneously earn an associate degree from DeVry University while completing their high school education. Programs like Advantage Academy embody the kind of public-private partnership and innovation necessary to launch our P-20 educational system into the 21st century.

Our Sacramento campus is celebrating a five-year anniversary to coincide with the nation's birthday. In just five short years, we have conferred degrees to over 200 students. These graduates are making daily contributions not only at work but also in their respective

communities. We serve a diverse and rich population of students, many of whom are the first in their family to attend and graduate from college. Many others are from immigrant families who have chosen to make this land of opportunity their home. At DeVry, they find that opportunity and they take it. One graduate in particular, Diana Rodriguez-Suruki recently stopped by to share her successes with a group of incoming freshmen. In her comments she attributed her accomplishment to her DeVry education. Diana is currently a procurement analyst for the state of California – a one-of-a-kind position within our state government. In addition, she is a governing board member for Sacramento Unified School District, which serves over 50,000 students. Our campus staff is very involved in local community activities from educational committees through the local chamber of commerce to local economic development organizations. In our effort to build ties within the community we have partnered with a local high school to launch the first Passport to College Program whereby students are receiving three units of college credit as well as earning needed high school credits. This joint effort is meeting the school's need to offer more advanced elective coursework as well as meeting DeVry's community outreach goals. In addition, the Sacramento Campus will be the first DeVry location to host a RecruitMilitary Career Fair on June 25th. The event is sponsored by DeVry University in conjunction with a Town Hall Meeting to discuss how the new Post 9/11 GI Bill will provide enhanced educational opportunities in the Sacramento Metropolitan area. The free event is for men and women who are transitioning from active duty to civilian life.

The DeVry University-Sacramento Campus, like all DeVry locations throughout California, is very committed to creating value for students, employees and society.

Sincerely,

