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Ms. Wendy Macias
U.S. Department of Education
1990 K Street, N.W. Room 8017
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Macias:

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Chamberlain College of Nursing in Phoenix, AZ, 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. 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.

Chamberlain College of Nursing in Phoenix offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in an on-campus environment. Our year-round delivery format meets the needs of our diverse student population made up of first-time college students, transfer students from the Maricopa Community College system, and adults who are changing career fields. More than half of the Phoenix student body is male, slightly higher than the national average.

The Phoenix campus has many students who offer various achievements. However, one student in particular, [REDACTED], exemplifies the drive and determination of the student body. [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]



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accepted as a student in the maiden class of March 2008 and will be in the top 10% of our first graduating class. [REDACTED] is a single mother of four young boys all of whom are struggling with various levels of autism. [REDACTED] was just elected to be the President of Chamberlain-Phoenix's first student government. [REDACTED] handles all these issues and more while maintaining an above average Grade Point Average. [REDACTED] is a standout among her nursing-student contemporaries.

The Phoenix campus is proud to have established healthcare partnerships throughout the valley with a variety of hospitals, skilled nursing homes, hospice providers, and mental health facilities. These include Banner Healthcare, Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Sincerely,

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