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SEDONA STAFFING SERVICES

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*Dear Department of Education,*

As a valued civic leader, I would like to introduce myself. My name is [REDACTED] and I am the current [REDACTED] Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce and I run Sedona Staffing in Clinton and Maquoketa. The City of Clinton is proud of our colleges and Ashford University is one of the best. I am submitting my comments in regard 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.

Having Ashford University and Ashford Call center in the Clinton community has been a positive on so many levels. For starters, I run a staffing agency and we provide staffing, or call center employees, for Ashford, so it is a financial gain for my business. Secondly, the investment Ashford has made and continues to make in brick and mortar is substantial. Not only are they the growth behind the Lyons Business and Technology park they have also spent substantial dollars renovating the original college. Thirdly, Ashford's sizeable increase in staff, which includes many from different communities, has benefited our area housing, hotels, and stores.

I sincerely hope you will take my comments to heart and continue to allow Ashford to be a thriving business in our community providing a quality education to students both locally and nationwide.

Respectfully,

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*Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce*



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