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From: [Redacted]
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Subject: DOE's 34 CFR Chapter VI Negotiated Rulemaking Comments

Dear Department of Education,

I am a graduate of Ashford University's online program and I am submitting my comments in regards to the DOE's 34 CFR Chapter VI Negotiated Rulemaking. I would like to provide my experience in regards to the online program at Ashford and encourage you to take my email into consideration in your deliberations.

As recent graduate from Ashford my academic journey was fantastic. I transferred 68 credits and completed 52 credits in less than two years to earn a BA in Organizational Management. The cost of attending Ashford is far less than some schools that offer less in terms of education. For this reason now that I have finished my Bachelor's I will pursue a Master's starting in the Fall of 2009.

The 5-week schedule was perfect for me, and I would recommend it for anyone that wants to be in and out of school with no hassle. Going from one class to another with no break as well as knowing almost immediately what to expect from each class put my mind at ease allowing me to study.

Each class followed a simple formula. 2 discussion board posts per week, 1 quiz per week, and an 8-page paper due in week five. I graduated summa cum laude by simply following directions and not trying to bend things to my own personal desires.

The most important aspect of my time with Ashford was having the ability to apply the things that I learned directly to my small business. As an older student this was very important to me, because I did not want to waste time learning something that I could not apply immediately. Ashford University and its professors did a fabulous job of preparing me for my career goals.

I learned a lot from my interaction with the other students and professors at Ashford. I highly recommend Ashford University to anyone thinking of continuing their education. I was so impressed by my time at Ashford I started a blog that will not only detail my time with Ashford but will discuss the finer points of pursuing a degree online. <http://distancetips.com>.

I hope that your rulemaking will allow future students to have the same access, as I had, to an Ashford University education.

Sincerely,

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