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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2009 4:20 PM  
**To:** negreg09  
**Subject:** DOE's 34 CFR Chapter VI Negotiated Rulemaking

Dear Department of Education,

I am a current student 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.

In 2007 my daughter encouraged me to return to school to complete my BA degree online. I was very hesitant since I had never done anything like this before and it had been 30 years since I had been out of college. I had checked out various online schools and was drawn to the Ashford online program. I enrolled, and have not regretted it since. Online learning is so convenient for me. I can study in my home at my convenience, and am proud to say that I have earned 9 A's so far to date. The online program is affordable, flexible and very easy to use. I was impressed that Ashford accepted 53 of my previous credits. My company helps pay for the tuition because Ashford is an accredited school. I love the fact that the classes are only 5 weeks long. Although a lot of information is crammed in this short period of time, I have learned so much! I have met so many people, and the staff at Ashford has been wonderful and very helpful as well as the instructors. I have truly enjoyed this experience thus far. My education means more to me now than it ever did because of the online learning process and I will have a genuine BA degree that no one can take away from me and I will be proud and so will my family that I was able to do this while working a full time job. I want to thank Ashford for being one of the best educational institutions when it comes to online learning. Please keep this program going. I hope that your rulemaking will allow other students like me to have the same access, as I have had, to an Ashford University education.

Sincerely,

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