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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 3:14 PM
To: negreg09
Subject: DOE 34 CFR Chapter VI Negotiated Rulemaking

Dear Department of Education,

I am a member of the community and an active civic leader in Clinton, Iowa - home of Ashford University. I am submitting my comments in regards 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.

I have had the opportunity to talk with many graduates of Ashford University's online program. Many of them decided to advance their education because they could do so on online with confidence. The confidence often came from knowing that Ashford University had bricks and mortar. That Ashford University had the history and stability of the traditional campus but had the advanced learning environment online.

I have participated in the review of the quality of the programs offered by Ashford University by the accreditation authorities. Every reviewer has been impressed and have expressed their appreciation of the work that is being done at this university.

I am the [REDACTED] Mercy Medical Center - Clinton and I am appreciative of the commitment Ashford University has made to this community. Ashford has responded to the educational needs but also to the development and support of the community's vital infrastructure. They have made substantial financial and time contributions to many not-for-profit organizations and activities. The leadership and staff is involved in many community development and growth activities. Ashford has brought new and higher paying positions to our community.

I hope your rulemaking will allow current and future students the same access to an Ashford University education as has been available in the past.

Sincerely,

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