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Please see attached letter. Thank you.

Executive Director Western Career College - Emeryville



June 23, 2009

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

Sent via Electronic Mail: negreg09@ed.gov

Dear Ms. Macias:

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Western Career College – Emeryville, CA, thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments concerning the forthcoming negotiated rulemaking process.

Western Career College is a leading provider of educational programs in Northern California that lead to careers in fields such as nursing, dental hygiene, dental assisting, medical assisting, pharmacy technology, ultrasound technology, veterinary technology, criminal justice and graphics and drafting.

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 downtown, it will require all sectors of education and multiple access and engagement points for a diverse array of students.

Western 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.

We serve non-traditional learners and assist them in getting the hands-on learning they require in order to be successful in the career fields of their choice. Our college system offers more flexibility in scheduling for adult learners as well as enhanced placement services than traditional colleges. Please consider the population served by our college in your rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

