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Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6300

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is to confirm that the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid (FSA) has no concerns or reservations with representatives of Bridgepoint Education, Inc. (Bridgepoint) testifying on March 10, 2011.

FSA met with counsel for Bridgepoint's Ashford University on March 4, 2011 and provided them with an opportunity to share information which they considered relevant to the Office of Inspector General audit of Ashford University that FSA is currently resolving. There was nothing in that meeting that FSA believes would have any impact on Bridgepoint's ability to testify.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Taggart".

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