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**Joseph E. Gurubatham**  
Executive Vice President of Accreditation and Institutional Development  
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Dear Mr. Gurubatham:

Pursuant to its authority under Senate Resolution 73 (114th Cong.), the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations is reviewing the role that accreditors play in assessing the quality and financial health of post-secondary institutions and programs.

To assist the Subcommittee's review, please provide the information requested below in the attached spreadsheet:

1. With respect to the institutions and programs subject to the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools' (ACICS) accreditation process since January 1, 2004, please provide the following data:
  - a. The name of each institution or program accredited or reaccredited by ACICS since January 1, 2004;
  - b. The name of each institution or program subject to ACICS's accreditation process that was not accredited or reaccredited since January 1, 2004;
  - c. The name of any institution or program subject to ACICS's accreditation process that has ceased operations since January 1, 2004;
  - d. The date that ACICS made an accreditation determination for each institution or program that sought accreditation or reaccreditation since January 1, 2004;
  - e. Whether each institution or program currently accredited by ACICS is currently on a heightened monitoring status; and
  - f. For those institutions and programs currently on a heightened monitoring status, the level of the heightened monitoring status and the date on which the institution or program was placed on the heightened monitoring status.

Please submit the information and material responsive to our requests as soon as possible, but in any event no later than November 13, 2015. In addition, we request that you or your designee confer with Subcommittee staff regarding this production no later than November 9, 2015. Please be prepared at that time to set a production schedule. To avoid any unnecessary delays in connection with this production, we ask that you carefully review the attached *Procedures for Transmitting Documents to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations*. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to [Kelsey\\_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov).

Please contact Andrew Polesovsky (Senator Portman) at 202-224-8539 or Mel Beras (Senator McCaskill) at 202-224-1957 if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman  
Chairman  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations



Claire McCaskill  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

Attachments