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Dear Ms. Brown:

Thank you for your letter to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) regarding California's compliance with the State authorization regulations in 34 CFR 600.9.

You state that you are providing this letter in response to the Department's notification delaying the implementation date of the changes to 34 CFR 600.9(a) and (b) published in the Federal Register on October 29, 2010 (75 FR 66833) until July 1, 2014 in cases where an institution's State authorization will not meet the requirements of these regulations by July 1, 2013. Your letter is intended to serve as support for the additional one-year extension so that California's Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) can review licensing applications for otherwise exempt institutions and conduct compliance inspections on institutions approved by means of accreditation. You also note that an institution under the jurisdiction of the Bureau satisfies the requirements regarding a complaint process under 34 CFR 600.9(a)(1) because the Bureau has the authority to review and act on complaints concerning the institution, including the authority to enforce applicable state laws.

Based on information provided by the Department, you believe that institutions choosing to use the Bureau's process would satisfy the State authorization regulatory requirements. We accept your letter as support for the additional one-year extension so that the Bureau can provide State authorization for otherwise exempt institutions that have applied for licensing and for institutions approved by means of accreditation for which the Bureau will be conducting compliance inspections. We agree that those institutions using the Bureau's process would satisfy the State authorization regulatory requirements.

Thank you very much for providing the Department with this information. It is very helpful.

Sincerely,

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