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June 15, 2017

The Honorable Maura T. Healey  
Attorney General of Massachusetts  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston, MA 02108

Re: State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)

Dear Attorney General Healey:

I have reviewed the Final Version of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Office of the Attorney General (AGO) and the Department of Higher Education (DHE) and have also discussed it with NC-SARA. If the AGO agrees, as is set forth in that Memorandum of Understanding, to accept SARA-related institutional disclosures as an alternative to the affirmative disclosures required of for-profit schools and occupational programs under 940 CMR 31.05, that will remove any concerns that Massachusetts is enforcing state specific standards in violation of the SARA Policy and Operations Manual. NC-SARA and NEBHE understand and agree that all other existing regulations regarding consumer protections for students from unfair and deceptive business practices by for-profit and occupational schools, as promulgated under 940 CMR 31.00, will remain in effect and enforceable by the AGO should Massachusetts apply to and join SARA.

Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra J. Doran".

Sandra J. Doran  
Director, New England State Authorization  
Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)

CC: James A. Peyser, Secretary of Education  
Carlos E. Santiago, Commissioner of Higher Education