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As a United States Department of Education recognized, not-for-profit, higher education institutional and programmatic accrediting agency, the Council on Chiropractic Education's mission is to ensure the quality of chiropractic education in the United States.

In fulfilling its mission, the CCE maintains itself as an educationally-oriented organization that follows the regulations established by the United States Secretary of Education. CCE's Council has the interests of chiropractic students in mind and continues to improve their education through strong programs and institutions.

It has come to CCE's attention that the International Chiropractor's Association (ICA) has communicated a request to its membership and to the chiropractic community at large, urging individuals to contact Members of Congress, to obtain congressional letters of support, to oppose the Assistant Secretary of Higher Education's decision regarding CCE's re-recognition criteria.

This action is unfortunate. CCE is committed to ensuring full and complete compliance with the regulations and criteria established by the Department of Education. Moreover, CCE has committed to an ongoing process of communication with stakeholders through special meetings and is partnering with the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (ACC) to review its governance and best practices. CCE has also included representatives from the chiropractic profession (Association of Chiropractic Colleges, American Chiropractic Association, International Chiropractors Association, Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards, and the Congress of Chiropractic State Associations) as members of its Presidential Search Committee. CCE believes these responsive actions will assist the agency in finding its next qualified leader and fulfilling its mission in serving the chiropractic profession.

The CCE Council has not, and will not, be contacting Members of Congress; it finds those actions irresponsible and not in the best interest of students or in improving the quality of chiropractic education. We will continue to follow the processes and procedures established by the USDE and best practices in higher education and professional accreditation.