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Dr. Keith E. Whitfield
President
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89154

Via Electronic Mail

Re: Conclusion of 20 U.S.C. § 1011f Investigation (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

Dear President Whitfield:

This letter is to notify you of the disposition of the above-referenced investigation initiated by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) on January 15, 2021. The Department opened this investigation to determine whether the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) is in compliance with Section 117 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Section 117), which requires institutions of higher education (IHEs) to report statutorily defined gifts, contracts, and/or restricted and conditional gifts or contracts from or with a statutorily defined foreign source(s) to the Department.

During the course of the investigation, UNLV submitted documentation and information in response to the Department's requests as initially posed and as subsequently raised. Further, UNLV has attested that it 1) has conducted a reasonable and diligent search for responsive materials; 2) has filed disclosure reports to correct for known errors and omissions from January 1, 2016 forward and is current in the submission of its Section 117 disclosure reports through the most recent reporting deadline of January 31, 2023; 3) has written procedures and systems in place designed to address and achieve compliance with Section 117 requirements; and 4) has not knowingly or willfully failed to comply with the requirements of Section 117.

The Department has completed its review of UNLV's submissions, as well as its statutorily required disclosure reports. Based on UNLV's attestation and the entirety of the Department's review, we are pleased to notify you that the Department has concluded its Section 117 investigation of UNLV and that, as of the date of this letter, this investigation is closed.

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The Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.

The Department commends UNLV for its efforts to implement procedures and systems designed to address and achieve compliance with the disclosure requirements of Section 117. We appreciate the collaborative and responsive way in which UNLV worked with the Department throughout this investigation, and we encourage UNLV to continue to work efficiently and diligently to comply with Section 117. Please contact the Department at any time should you have any questions about Section 117 compliance. We are committed to helping institutions understand and comply with their obligations under Section 117 and would be pleased to provide any assistance that you might seek in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. Brown", with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Lisa M. Brown

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