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Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training
1722 N St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20036
Attn: Judy Hendrickson, Interim Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Hendrickson,

This responds to the February 8, 2021 notice from the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) denying Los Angeles ORT College’s re-accreditation, effective January 21, 2021. This serves as the College’s official comment in response to the action.

For the record, we acknowledge that due to various circumstances we failed to meet the Council’s standards for a period of time and we agree with the Council’s denial decision.

Your closing note we take to heart: “it remains [ACCET’s] hope that the accreditation evaluation process has served to focus on your institution’s resources and commitment toward strengthening [our] operations through the systematic and effective implementation of administrative and academic policies, procedures, and practices that ensure a high level of quality and integrity on behalf of [our] students.”

We have learned a tremendous amount from ACCET and its standards. We have as our sole focus the goal of putting the institution on a meaningful and sustainable long term path including through a process of internal re-evaluation and re-structuring that aligns with our nonprofit, educational mission. This will benefit our students, our staff, and the community in which we operate.

We want ACCET to know that although we fell short of standards in several ways, we also did some things right. Our Board never waved from taking the right actions to correct wrongs. When issues were identified, we conducted independent reviews. When those reviews confirmed our concerns, we made it known to our regulators. We removed staff not meeting our standards and fully paid all liabilities to the Department.

More importantly, we have stood by our students during our teach out which began in February 2020. Since that time, students have been permitted to complete their program at our institution without any additional cost and without payment of any balance owed, and have been supported with technology and assistance when programs moved online. The teach out permits all students enrolled as of February 2020, including four remaining students, to finish their education uninterrupted and graduate from an accredited program.
Because we are fortunate to have resources to remain staffed while we consider the future of our organization, we remain operational for access by students and graduates to records and other requests. Our students’ needs will always come first and it is, indeed, our belief that this experience has strengthened us in the long term.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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