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Dr. Ronald C. Kroll  
Director, Commission on Accreditation  
The Association for Biblical Higher Education  
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Dear Dr. Kroll,

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) have each made recommendations to me. These recommendations were made under Sections 114 and 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both the Department staff and the NACIQI recommended that I grant ABHE renewed recognition as a nationally recognized accrediting agency for a period of five years. I concur with the recommendations of the Department staff and of the NACIQI. Accordingly, I grant renewed recognition to ABHE for a period of five years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation"), at the undergraduate level, of institutions of biblical higher education in the United States offering both campus-based and distance education instructional programs.

Please convey my best wishes to the members of ABHE. We appreciate the work that ABHE does to improve the quality and success of U.S. postsecondary education.

Sincerely,

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