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Christopher Koch, President  
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Dear Mr. Koch,

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the recognition of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Department of Education staff and the National Advisory Council 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 (HEA), as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both the staff and NACIQI recommended that I withdraw and terminate recognition from NCATE and remove NCATE from the published list of nationally recognized accrediting bodies.

As required, I considered the full record, which included the staff recommendation and the transcript of the NACIQI hearing on June 24, 2016.

I concur with the recommendations of Department staff and NACIQI. Having merged with another entity to form a new accrediting body, NCATE has ceased to exist as an independent accrediting agency, rendering moot any question of continuing program eligibility based on NCATE accreditation. NCATE did not respond to multiple written requests regarding the need to submit a petition for continued recognition if it wished to remain a recognized accrediting agency. Accordingly, I withdraw and terminate the Department's recognition of NCATE as a nationally recognized accrediting agency, effective on the date of this letter.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Emma Vadehra  
Chief of Staff

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