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OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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Robert C. Smith, III, Executive Director
American Board of Funeral Service Education
Committee on Accreditation
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Dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the American Board of Funeral Service Education, Committee on Accreditation (ABFSE-COA). 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 now find ABFSE-COA compliant and grant ABFSE-COA renewed recognition as an institutional and programmatic accrediting agency for a period of three years. I concur with the recommendations of the Department staff and of the NACIQI. Accordingly, I grant renewed recognition to ABFSE-COA for a period of three years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of institutions and programs within the United States awarding diplomas, associate degrees and bachelor's degrees in funeral service or mortuary science, including the accreditation of distance learning courses and programs offered by these programs and institutions.

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

Sincerely,

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