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Via E-Mail Only to [REDACTED]

Mr. Mark Perry
[REDACTED]

Re: University of Washington Seattle
OCR No. 10232204

Dear Mr. Perry:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), has completed its evaluation of the above-referenced complaint you filed against the University of Washington. OCR will investigate whether the University discriminates against students on the bases of race, color, or national origin, by offering the Visiting Scholars Program and the Visiting Resident Scholars Program which are restricted to medical students and medical residents, respectively, who are Black/African American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Hispanic/Latino, and/or Pacific Islander.

OCR has the authority to enforce Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, and its implementing regulation, at 34 C.F.R. Part 100, which prohibits discrimination on the bases of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. Because the University receives financial assistance from this Department, it is required to comply with Title VI.

OCR is proceeding with an investigation of this allegation because it raises a possible violation of Title VI. During OCR's investigation of the complaint, the allegation may be resolved in a variety of ways, including a voluntary written agreement in which the University agrees to take remedial actions that OCR determines fully resolve the allegation consistent with applicable legal standards. If a resolution of the complaint is not reached before OCR completes its investigation, OCR will make findings and a determination as to whether the University is in compliance with the applicable legal standards and, in the event non-compliance is found, OCR will pursue a written agreement between OCR and the University in which the University commits to take specific steps to comply with applicable laws and regulations. Additional information

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Opening this allegation for investigation in no way implies that OCR has made a determination with regard to its merits. During the investigation, OCR is a neutral fact-finder, collecting and analyzing relevant evidence from the complainant, the recipient, and other sources, as appropriate. OCR will conduct its investigation in accordance with the provisions of Article III of OCR’s *Case Processing Manual*.¹

OCR is committed to resolving complaints as promptly as possible. OCR will be contacting the University to discuss the allegation. If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at [REDACTED], or by e-mail at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Tania Lopez
Senior Attorney

¹ The *Case Processing Manual* is available at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/ocrcpm.html>.