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Reverend Patrick J. Ford
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Dear Reverend Ford:

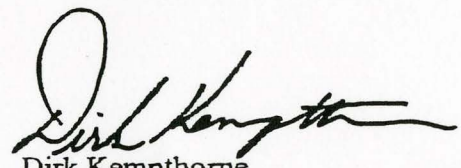
We, the undersigned Governors, hereby express our concern with the inability of the Interregional Accrediting Committee (IRAC) to act in a timely fashion regarding the accreditation process for the Western Governors' University (WGU). We request a meeting between the WGU Board and the IRAC to understand exactly what is required, including the timeframe, to complete the accreditation process.

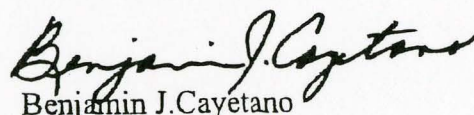
We hereby reaffirm our support of WGU. We also agree that we will work to implement it in our states and to accept its degrees and other programs.


We believe that the WGU model of online education and competency-based degree programs is important to establish, and we will continue to support federal funding during the WGU's startup phase as it builds its programs and achieves regional accreditation.

Sincerely,

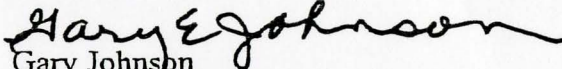

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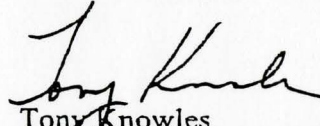

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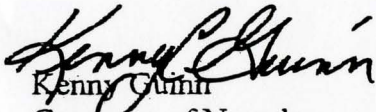

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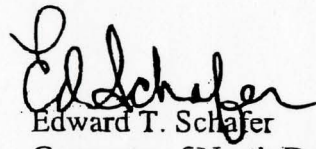

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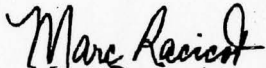
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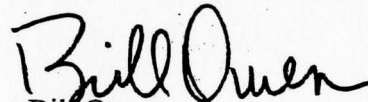

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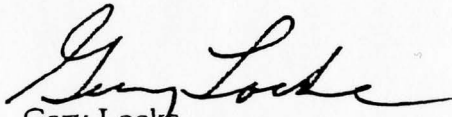

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cc: Western Congressional Delegation
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