

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Veterans Benefits Administration Washington, D.C. 20420

March 10, 2021

Carrie Wofford President Veterans Education Success 1250 H Street NW Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Wofford:

Thank you for your letter dated February 12, 2021, regarding the Center for Excellence in Higher Education (CEHE).

The Veterans Benefits Administration's Education Service received a copy of the Colorado State "Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgement, #14CV34530", on October 20, 2020, concluding that CEHE schools violated Colorado state consumer protection laws. Since that time, Education Service has been directly engaged with its State Approving Agency (SAA) partners to further investigate and explore the issues raised in the Colorado court's decision and consider the actions that may be appropriately taken under the authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or one or more of the SAAs. VA is reaching out to the Colorado state Attorney General's office to request the exhibits and evidence used in the court's decision. Once received, VA will share any information provided with the SAAs in order to make determinations regarding any violation of provisions governing GI Bill benefits. VA has not ruled out taking action under section 3696 of title 38, United States Code, and will weigh its options under the Department's independent authorities.

Should you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Ms. Bridget Griffin, Chief, Integrity and Protection, Education Service, at 202-461-9799 or <a href="mailto:Bridget.Griffin@va.gov">Bridget.Griffin@va.gov</a>.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Murphy

Acting Under Secretary for Benefits