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SENATOR DARRYL ERVIN ROUSON

19th District

April 7, 2022

The Honorable Miguel Cardona
Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary Cardona:

I write this letter in support of the exceptional educational opportunities offered by Keiser University to the constituents of the Tampa Bay region and across the State of Florida. Keiser University is a private, not-for-profit university with 3,800 employees serving approximately 20,000 students and 66,000 alumni across 21 campuses throughout Florida for nearly 45 years.

Keiser University offers more than 100 degrees from the associate to doctoral level to a diverse group of students, most of whom identify as an adult learner over the age of 25. Their diverse student population is their strength as Keiser University is recognized by Florida Trend as the largest private, non-profit institution in the state of Florida. The success of the university translates to the success of its students as they are ranked by U.S. News & World 2022 Report at No. 5 for Social Mobility in the United States. In addition, Florida has a large number of military bases and a large veteran population. Over 20 percent of Keiser University's student body is comprised of active-duty service members, veterans, and military family members. Keiser University does an outstanding job at being veteran friendly, providing educational opportunities to those who serve and their families.

As State Senator for District 19 in the Florida Senate, I support those who pursue higher education: enriching their lives, their careers, and their communities. Keiser University provides exceptional educational opportunities for the thousands of students they serve in Tampa Bay and across the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Darryl E. Rouson".

Darryl E. Rouson
Florida State Senate, District 19

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