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Dear CEOs of Member Institutions,

I write on behalf of the New England Commission of Higher Education, first to acknowledge the enormous challenges being faced by our member institutions, and second to express the Commission's appreciation for the creativity, resourcefulness, dedication, and care with which you, your faculty, and your staff are working to ensure the continuity and quality of students' education.

The Commission's website includes information, updated periodically, on COVID-19. Please see: <https://www.neche.org/covid-19-update/>. That website now includes a link to a letter sent on March 20, 2020 to members of the New England Congressional delegation urging support for our region's institutions of higher education.

As you work through the uncertainties in the days and weeks ahead, please:

- Stay in touch. It's useful to hear from you to get a sense of the issues you are facing and how you are addressing them.
- Ask questions when you have issues that may have implications for accreditation.
- Let me know how the Commission and its staff can be helpful to you. NECHE is a membership organization, and we are here with you.

We know too that many governing boards will face new challenges as they carry out their fiduciary responsibilities in times of uncertainty and stress. If we can be helpful there, please let me know.

Finally, please take care of yourselves, yes re: COVID-19, but also more broadly. Your leadership has never been more important.

Best,

Barbara Brittingham

cc: Members of the Commission
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