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**Subject:** Nursing Programs in Jeopardy due to COVID-19 in California

Dear Ms. Melby,

On behalf of the California Association of Colleges of Nursing Board of Directors, you have been cc'd on our attached communication to Governor Gavin Newsom. We urge you to take action aligned with the requests detailed in this letter in support of all nursing students in California.

We are additionally sharing with you information from the US Department of Education, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. These attachments offer support and demonstrate trust in us as experts who know how to best educate our students. Instead of adding additional data collection as you requested in your March 9, 2020 communication, these organizations gave maximum flexibility regarding their education requirements.

We understand the difference between accreditation standards and regulation but under the pressure of this unprecedented health crisis, we ask that you reconsider your March 9, 2020 communication so that it offers maximum flexibility. We know we share with you an equal desire to support all nursing students in California.

<https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/030520Guidance4interruptionsrelated2CoronavirusCOVID19>

Respectfully,

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