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Dr. Emily Dow

Assistant Secretary of Academic Affairs
Maryland Higher Education Commission
6 N. Liberty Street, 10th Floor
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Dear Dr. Dow:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Lincoln College of Technology/Lincoln Culinary Institute application to offer lower division certificate programs of study in the State of Maryland.

Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) is a regional leader and the largest program in the State for hospitality and culinary education. Our Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism Institute (HCAT) is accredited by both the American Culinary Federation (ACF) and the Accrediting Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA). These designations validate the high quality of AACC's HCAT curriculum and support. Our students and graduates have been recognized nationally for over 25 years for their accomplishments. Imagine our surprise at being excluded from the list of Maryland programs in their proposal.

It is undisputed that there is a need for qualified hospitality workers in this region. The existing inventory of programs provides students and the hospitality industry with curriculum that amply meets the demands for a regional workforce. Quality is more important than quantity. These programs are highly supported by their schools and have, as a result, incurred a substantial investment in capital improvements and commercial training lab equipment to offer a state-of-the-art education in these fields. Further capacity would be detrimental to existing programs currently invested and operating at this time. The effective use of institutional resources is critical to institutional performance. Within these colleges, the allocation of resources among their many varied program units is an indicator of institutional priorities.

For reasons that this proposal represents inaccurate data by excluding AACC graduates as well as the unnecessary duplication these proposed programs would cause to AACC and the other

existing Maryland programs, I object to this proposal by Lincoln College of Technology/Lincoln Culinary Institute. I would appreciate an invitation to respond to this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Dawn Lindsay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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