



December 17, 2014

Dear Governor Brewer,

On behalf of current and former Everest and WyoTech students in your state, we write to ask that you and your administration, through the Board for Private-Post Secondary Education (the "Board"), take swift action on behalf of students. The Board should require Corinthian Colleges to provide a bond or letter of credit as a condition of continued approval to operate each of its campuses in Arizona, and the state should scrutinize the proposed sale to Education Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) to ensure students are protected.

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Corinthian remains under investigation by your state and fifteen other State Attorneys General, as well as the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Additionally, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is suing Corinthian for luring students to take private loans against their interest and then using illegal debt collection tactics to strong-arm students into paying back the loans. Nevertheless, ECMC is currently negotiating to purchase many Corinthian schools in your state. But Corinthian should not escape accountability by selling its schools to ECMC. If the sale goes forward few students will be eligible for a refund and will have no choice but to continue their enrollment in these failed programs.

The State of Oregon used its regulatory authority to demand Corinthian pay a 1.3 million dollar surety bond. If Corinthian shuts down and is unable to provide the education students have already paid for, the bond will be used to refund students in Oregon. Additionally, California's Attorney General refused to release Corinthian of liability for its past actions to ensure that current and former students received relief. We ask that you and your administration uses its authority in the same way on behalf of students.

The Board for Private-Post Secondary Education can demand a bond or letter of credit in an amount sufficient to cover potential refunds to both current and past students. We also ask that the Board investigate whether Corinthian continues to meet your state's minimum financial or other standards and whether it has violated any state law. If the Board finds evidence that Corinthian's Arizona campuses fail the minimum standards or have violated state law, we ask that it revoke its approval to operate, deny any applications for a change in ownership, and order that Corinthian pay full tuition refunds to all harmed Arizona students. Finally, we request that the state follow California's lead in carefully scrutinizing any proposed sale and not waive liability without securing significant relief for current and former students as well as enforceable safeguards to protect future students from abuse.



Taking these actions will protect the thousands of students in your state that were victims of Corinthian's misrepresentations. Consider this story from Jennifer, a Criminal Justice student in Phoenix, who told us about her experience with Everest University:

I was highly pressured to begin school with Everest after expressing minimal interest in doing so. My father was sick with stage IV renal cancer and I had a toddler at the time, but recruiters kept calling me day after day after day telling me that I should do it for my child or that my father would like to see me back in school before he passed. I caved and began my program in August of 2006 just a month and a half before my father passed away.

I attended full time from August 2006 until July 2009 when I graduated with a bachelor of science in criminal justice. I had professors who didn't care about actually grading assignments. I had professors harass me about my political stances and also about women's issues, but I still managed to graduate with a 4.0 which I realize now is pretty meaningless.

I have yet to be employed in my field of study. No one takes the degree seriously from Everest with most actually looking down on a degree earned from a for-profit school--a school who lied about job placement guaranteeing me help in my job search. That help never happened. I am now being pursued by Navient who bought my debt from Sallie Mae for private loans incurred during my time at Everest that I didn't need and do not remember signing for at any time. I was covered fully under federal programs so private loans were not necessary. I have requested, several times, to see the promissory notes from these loans but those have never materialized despite me continuously being hounded for more than \$8000 by Navient. This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to federal loans which I will likely never be able to fully pay back.

All that money for an education that wasn't really an education just to sit here today unemployed. It's outrageous, and it's time to do something about it.

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Higher Ed, Not Debt



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Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

On behalf of current and former Everest and WyoTech students in your state, we write to ask that you and your administration, through the Private Occupational School Board (the "Board"), take swift action on behalf of students. The Board should require Corinthian Colleges to provide a bond or letter of credit as a condition of continued approval to operate each of its campuses in Colorado, and the state should scrutinize the proposed sale to Education Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) to ensure students are protected.

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The Private Occupational School Board can demand a bond or letter of credit in an amount sufficient to cover potential refunds to both current and past students. We also ask that the Board investigate whether Corinthian continues to meet your state's minimum financial or other standards and whether it has violated any state law. If the Board finds evidence that Corinthian's Colorado campuses fail the minimum standards or have violated state laws, we ask that it revoke its approval to operate, deny any applications for a change in ownership, and order that Corinthian pay full tuition refunds to all harmed Colorado students. Finally, we request that the state follow California's lead in carefully scrutinizing any proposed sale and not waive liability without securing significant relief for current and former students as well as enforceable safeguards to protect future students from abuse.



Taking these actions will protect the thousands of students in your state that were victims of Corinthian's misrepresentations. Consider this story from Aaron, a Medical Assistant student in Colorado Springs, who told us about his experience with Everest University:

I enrolled with the understanding I would be equipped with the skills necessary to succeed as a Medical Assistant, and receive career placement assistance after I graduated. I was given an externship at a site that did not even utilize Medical Assistants, and had no intentions of hiring anyone that externed with them.

Once completed, I went to career services and was given NO assistance with a resume, job searching, skills development, NOTHING. I was able to find a job on my own and lasted a whole 2 weeks before being let go as they were not happy with the level of knowledge and clinical experience that I received at Everest College.

After that I searched for over 2 years for another opportunity and was turned away every time. I am now driving a delivery truck for a small local company. I have not been able to afford to pay back any of the loans and fees I received during my so-called education, and needless to say my credit suffers because of it.

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Dear Governor Scott,

On behalf of current and former Everest and WyoTech students in your state, we write to ask that you and your administration, through the Commission for Independent Education (the “Commission”), take swift action on behalf of students. The Commission should investigate whether Corinthian Colleges violated state law and should lose the Commission’s approval, and the state should scrutinize the proposed sale to Education Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) to ensure students are protected.

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The State of Oregon used its regulatory authority to demand Corinthian pay a 1.3 million dollar surety bond. If Corinthian shuts down and is unable to provide the education students have already paid for, the bond will be used to refund students in Oregon. Additionally, California’s Attorney General refused to release Corinthian of liability for its past actions to ensure that current and former students received relief. We ask that you and your administration uses its authority in the same way on behalf of students.

The Commission for Independent Education should investigate whether Corinthian continues to meet your state’s minimum financial or other standards and whether it has violated state law. If the Board finds evidence that Corinthian’s Florida campuses fail the minimum standards or have violated state laws, we ask that it revoke its approval to operate, deny any applications for a change in ownership, and order that Corinthian pay full tuition refunds to all harmed Florida students. Finally, we request that the state follow California’s lead in carefully scrutinizing any proposed sale and not waive liability without securing significant relief for current and former students as well as enforceable safeguards to protect future students from abuse.



Taking these actions will protect the thousands of students in your state that were victims of Corinthian's misrepresentations. Consider this story from Evan, a Motorcycle Technology student in Daytona, who told us about his experience with WyoTech:

WyoTech Daytona put me in tens of thousands of dollars in debt. Not only federal debt but they actually told me I needed to take living expense loans from Genesis Lending. I graduated with a 4.0 as a part of the "Eagle Techs." I am now making only \$12 per hour in the industry which I was lead to believe I would be making 25-30k per year. I have a family of 5 with my wife and 3 kids. I am barely able to pay for our living and the student loans are simply impossible.

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

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December 17, 2014

Dear Governor Quinn,

On behalf of current and former Everest and WyoTech students in your state, we write to ask that you and your administration, through the Board of Higher Education (the “Board”), take swift action on behalf of students. The Board should require Corinthian Colleges to provide a bond or letter of credit as a condition of continued approval to operate each of its campuses in Illinois, and the state should scrutinize the proposed sale to Education Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) to ensure students are protected.

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The Board of Higher Education can demand a bond or letter of credit in an amount sufficient to cover potential refunds to both current and past students. We also ask that the Board investigate whether Corinthian continues to meet your state’s minimum financial or other standards and whether it has violated state law. If the Board finds evidence that Corinthian’s Illinois campuses fail the minimum standards or have violated state law, we ask that the Board revoke its approval to operate, deny any applications for a change in ownership, and order that Corinthian pay full tuition refunds to all harmed Illinois students. Finally, we request that the state follow California’s lead in carefully scrutinizing any proposed sale and not waive liability without securing significant relief for current and former students as well as enforceable safeguards to protect future students from abuse.



Taking these actions will protect the thousands of students in your state that were victims of Corinthian's misrepresentations. Consider this story from Melissa, a Medical Assistant student in Burr Ridge, who told us about her experience with Everest University:

I had already had student loans for Cosmetology school. When I registered they told me that my student loans would cover all expenses. I ended up running out of federal funds and had to take out their Genesis Loan for an additional \$8000. I am in debt for over \$26,000 just in student loans. I am just barely making over minimum wage! I am also a convicted felon and they told me I wouldn't have a problem finding a job. They lied. That is why I am not making as much as others & have to only apply to certain offices due to my felony charge. If you can help me at all I would greatly appreciate it. I am about to go into default with all my loans.

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

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Dear Governor Perry,

On behalf of current and former Everest and WyoTech students in your state, we write to ask that you and your administration, through the Workforce Commission (the “Commission”), take swift action on behalf of students. The Commission should investigate whether Corinthian Colleges violated state law and should lose the Commission’s approval, and the state should scrutinize the proposed sale to Education Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) to ensure students are protected.

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The Texas Workforce Commission should investigate whether Corinthian continues to meet your state’s minimum financial or other standards and whether it has violated state law. If the Board finds evidence that Corinthian’s Texas campuses fail the minimum standards or have violated state laws, we ask that it revoke its approval to operate, deny any applications for a change in ownership, and order that Corinthian pay full tuition refunds to all harmed Texas students. Finally, we request that the state follow California’s lead in carefully scrutinizing any proposed sale and not waive liability without securing significant relief for current and former students as well as enforceable safeguards to protect future students from abuse.

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I had visited the school with my father and right after the tour was kind of pushed into signing up and enrolling for school. I had just graduated high school that summer and really had no idea of what I was getting into. I was forced to sign all these documents without time to read them over and before I knew it I had all these student loan debts.

They had promised internships in areas of my field of study and my internship was with a worker's comp law firm and was offered a receptionist position. Never once was I able to work with the lawyer except to translate for the Hispanic clients. Now, I have all these student loan debts I have to pay back and have never been able to use my degree nor were my credits transferrable anywhere.

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

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December 17, 2014

Dear Governor Inslee,

On behalf of current and former Everest and WyoTech students in your state, we write to ask you and your administration, through the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (the “Board”), take swift action on behalf of students. The Board should investigate whether Corinthian Colleges violated state law and should lose the Board’s approval, and the state should scrutinize the proposed sale to Education Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) to ensure students are protected.

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The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board should investigate whether Corinthian continues to meet your state’s minimum financial or other standards and whether it has violated state law. If the Board finds evidence that Corinthian’s Washington campuses fail the minimum standards or have violated state laws, we ask that it revoke its approval to operate, deny any applications for a change in ownership, and order that Corinthian pay full tuition refunds to all harmed Washington students. Finally, we request that the state follow California’s lead in carefully scrutinizing any proposed sale and not waive liability without securing significant relief for current and former students as well as enforceable safeguards to protect future students from abuse.



Taking these actions will protect the thousands of students in your state that were victims of Corinthian's misrepresentations. Consider this story submitted by Courtney, a massage therapy student in Vancouver, who told us about her experience with Everest University:

I was a single mother getting assistance through the state. I was told I either had to go out and get a job or enroll in school. So I started to research. Everest was the first school I called, and like everyone else, I was harassed with phone calls wanting to set up an appointment at the school.

Hesitant, I accepted and went in for an appointment. The adviser I talk to was super nice and helpful she made me feel like I was super special. She had me talk to other students about the school and about how my job placement was guaranteed so there was no need to worry about my student loans, I'd have them paid off in no time.

That day she took me into the financial aid office where they talked to me about the loans and grants and pretty much made me feel like I couldn't say no. And after I got enrolled the same adviser didn't even remember my name. I was no one to her. I felt right then and there that I had made the wrong decision and I felt alone! Now all these years later I'm stuck with a cashier position and \$14,000+ worth of student loans and no way to pay them off. Please help!

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

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