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**Subject: Letter to Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 Coastline International Students**

Dear Coastline Student,

Thank you for choosing Coastline College for your academic studies. We are honored to have you studying with us.

Coastline College recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic changed how we provide classes to you, and that you ended up completing all courses online. For some of you, perhaps it also meant a decision between completing your classes here in the U.S. or going home earlier than you had planned. We can't imagine the burden this must have added to your studies and please know we recognize the burden decisions such as these places on you.

This week's news that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is requiring changes in how International Students in the States can take courses (online versus face-to-face) has raised many new questions for you and for us as a College and District.

Today I reach out to you to tell you Coastline College cares and to ask how you are doing. I welcome hearing from you, **to learn what Coastline College can be doing to support you during this challenging – and sometimes confusing – time.** I am interested to learn **if you ended up staying in the U.S. or if you were able to go home.** My email address is [kmueller@coastline.edu](mailto:kmueller@coastline.edu)

The next reason is to let you know that we are having conversations across our Coast Community College District this week to look at options for our International Students, based on the DHS decision. We hope to have more concrete information for you very soon.

You might also be aware that Harvard and MIT filed a lawsuit yesterday, seeking to stop this decision by DHS, which would allow International Students to continue studying with their college via online courses. We will share any updates we receive. (We know that the news and media are sharing information too.)

We hope to have more to share soon.

Kindest regards,

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