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Dear Director Canty,

I write on behalf of NAFSA: Association of International Educators to ask that SEVP soon publish a Broadcast Message to extend its existing COVID-19 accommodations guidance for the 2022-2023 academic year (including the summer 2022 and summer 2023 sessions), patterned after SEVP's April 26, 2021, Broadcast Message 2104-05: ICE Continues March 2020 Guidance for the 2021-22 Academic Year and related FAQs, but updated for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Given the unpredictable nature of the virus that causes coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in the [Presidential Notice of February 18, 2022](#), the President announced: "The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause significant risk to the public health and safety of the Nation. For this reason, the national emergency declared on March 13, 2020, and beginning March 1, 2020, must continue in effect beyond March 1, 2022. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994 concerning the COVID-19 pandemic."

Schools and other institutions are in a state of transition towards greater normalcy as they balance multiple factors to adjust their curricula, policies, and procedures in this phase of the pandemic. An extension of SEVP's COVID-19 accommodations policies for the upcoming academic year would allow the full spectrum of schools to focus on tailoring policies that make sense in the local context.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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