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Dear Ms. Rowan,

This letter is in response to the Federal Register request for comments regarding the proposed changes to the Current Population Survey educational attainment questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

The Oregon Employment Department Research Division strongly supports removal of the rarely used graduate education questions and addition of certification and licensure questions. These changes will improve the availability of quality educational attainment data by providing important and enhanced information about labor supply to educators, policy makers, employers, and others.

Certification and licensure has become increasingly important in the state of Oregon, with our community colleges considerably increasing the number of certificate offerings in the past several years through Career Pathways. Also, Oregon recently set a goal to significantly increase the share of our population with postsecondary training. The new educational attainment questions will provide valuable data to help monitor certifications and licensure in coming years.

The Oregon Employment Department Research Division strongly encourages the adoption of these educational attainment changes to the Current Population Survey due to the enhanced data quality this information will provide and minimal impact on survey response burden.

Sincerely,

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