To: U.S. Embassy or Consulate, U.S. Department of State OR U.S. Port of Entry, Customs and Border Protection

Dear Officer,

This letter confirms the tentative operational plan for the University of Connecticut for the fall 2021 semester, which begins August 30, 2021. This letter applies to the following campuses: Storrs, Stamford, Waterbury, Avery Point, Hartford, Law School and the Graduate Business Learning Center. We ask your consideration to allow our student or exchange visitor, who holds a valid Form I-20 or Form DS-2019, to obtain a visa and enter the U.S. as an F-1 student or a J-1 exchange visitor at UConn.

For fall 2021 semester, the University of Connecticut plans to operate primarily in-person, offering a majority of courses in-person, with a small number of courses offered online, similar to course offerings prior to the pandemic. This plan is contingent upon public health recommendations and requirements; it could change, if necessary to protect the health and safety of our students, staff and faculty.

International students who are traveling to the U.S. require presence at UConn to fulfill their in-person course obligations.

For our visiting scholars, the University is only sponsoring J-1 exchange visitor visas for those whose program activity require in-person presence at the University. Therefore, if an exchange visitor presents a DS-2019 form for fall 2021 semester, we have verified that they are coming to conduct an in-person exchange program.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and if you require any further information please contact me at Rae Alexander, rae.alexander@uconn.edu, 860-486-3855.

Sincerely,

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