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 that the University of Connecticut currently operates in-person, and courses at UConn are delivered primarily on an in-person basis. This letter applies to the following campuses: Storrs, Stamford, Waterbury, Avery Point, Hartford, Law School and the Graduate Business Learning Center. These in-person operations are 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. on an I-20 or DS-2019 are required to be at UConn to fulfill their in-person course obligations.

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 visiting scholars, the University is only sponsoring J-1 exchange visitor visas for individuals whose exchange program activity require in-person presence at the University. Therefore, if an exchange visitor presents a DS-2019 form for spring 2022 semester, we have verified that they are coming to conduct an in-person exchange program.

F-1 students and J-1 exchange visitors under UConn visa sponsorship who are traveling from/through the geographically entry restricted countries should qualify for a National Interest Exception and be allowed entry to the United States. F-1 students qualify automatically for the National Interest Exception and J-1 exchange visitors need approval from the Department of State prior to travel.

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,

Rae Alexander
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PDSO/RO for SEVIS