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Dear Port of Entry Officer,

This letter, when presented with proper documentation and evidence of enrollment for the Fall 2021 term is confirmation that this student is an active student at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) who maintained full-time enrollment for the Spring 2021 term. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this student may have departed the U.S. for a period of over five months and successfully completed the Fall 2021 and/or Spring 2021 semester online.

According to the SEVP document "Frequently Asked Questions for SEVP Stakeholders about COVID-19" issued on March 23, 2020 which SEVP has confirmed remains in effect as per guidance released on April 26, 2021:

*Under current conditions, if an active F student leaves the United States to complete the spring term online, their SEVIS record should remain in Active status and not be terminated. While the temporary measures related to COVID-19 are in place, students deemed to be maintaining status if they are making normal progress in their course of study. **For that reason, the five-month temporary absence provision addressed in 8 C.F.R. 214.2(f)(4) will not apply for students who remain in Active status.***

SAIC's Fall semester begins on September 1, 2021, offering on-campus teaching and learning with modified in-person classes and hybrid classes, as well as fully online classes. As per student's enrollment schedule in person hybrid classes have building room numbers assigned to them.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact SAIC's Campus Security at 312-899-1230 so that they can reach out to me or another International Affairs staff member as we are currently working remotely.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence Rodriguez".

Lawrence Rodriguez
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