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Dear Customs and Border Protection Officer,

Cornell University (Ithaca and New York City campuses) will be on a hybrid academic plan for the fall 2020. In accordance with the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) guidance of July 6, 2020, I can attest that Cornell's academic program is NOT entirely online; that international students will not take an online-only course load for the fall 2020 semester; and students will be advised to only take the minimum number of online classes required to make normal progress in their program.

As the Cornell University Ithaca campus and Cornell Tech campus in New York City reactivate, a robust virus screening program will be implemented. The protocol will include screening prior to and upon arrival to campus, and ongoing, frequent screening, with isolation/quarantine/contact tracing as needed. Compliance with the testing program will be an absolute requirement for all students, whether living in on-campus housing or in the local Ithaca or NYC community.

We request your help in allowing entry of our international students into the U.S. so that they can participate in their academic program.

Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter or the student's status.

Thank you for your understanding during these stressful and unpredictable times.

Sincerely,

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