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Dear Jill

Thank you for your email outlining your comments and analysis on the 2016 MCAT. We appreciate your concerns that students found the assessment difficult and the effect on student engagement in external assessment and specifically mathematics.

I thank you for the detailed comments you provided on the assessment and the questions. While we are not able to comment on these points until after the marking and examination period is concluded, we will ensure that your comments are reviewed and addressed as part of an assessment report on the 2016 MCAT. This will be published next year. It will also inform the development of the 2017 MCAT.

We would be happy to discuss the key issues that you outlined in your email once we have completed the report, and we want to make sure that we do support teachers in the excellent work that you do to engage students in mathematics and to build student confidence in undertaking external assessment.

Yours sincerely



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