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To:
Ms. Sara Toledo,
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Subject: Regarding possibility of backing out from ED admittance due to financial difficulties.

Hello Ms. Toledo,

I am Senthil Murugan, father of recently admitted undergraduate student Riya Senthil (**BU ID: U20767314**). About four months back, Riya got admitted to BU School of Engineering through ED1 application process. She did not receive any financial aid except for a very small loan.

I am writing to understand if it is possible to back out of acceptance with no severe consequences. In below paragraphs, I would like to explain the financial difficulties we are facing in terms of paying the full tuition.

As a family I was planning to pay 50% of my daughter's tuition and other expenses and remaining 50% would be her responsibility. We were hoping she could get reduced tuition or scholarships and cover her part. Without this financial support, my daughter would end up with a big loan of about \$170K.

We took following actions regarding financial aid:

- Made an appeal to BU Finance Office in December 2021 and requested to reconsider the decision. This was not approved.
- My daughter was qualified for Lego FTC scholarship whose results are published in April 2022. We applied for this scholarship (her FTC mentor sent a support letter).
- Issue here was that Lego FTC scholarship results would be known too late. This caused lot of confusion on whether to accept the admission offer. I asked my daughter to accept the admission with a hope that we will get FTC scholarship later.
- We visited BU Engineering open house this month and learnt from financial assistance office that Riya did not get FTC scholarship (\$25K per year).

After deliberating about the financial situation as a whole family, I feel that she will be unable to study at BU without taking a huge loan. We did not want our daughter to be burdened with the student loan.

Due to this financial situation, I am writing to humbly ask if we can withdraw the acceptance from BU without severe consequences. I understand that the acceptance deposit will not be refunded by BU.

If in case the BU administration feels that there will be consequences of backing out from early decision acceptance, I would like to understand more. Last thing I want for my daughter or anyone else is to face

any consequences due to the current financial situation. I apologize for any inconvenience I am causing here.

Please let me know if a phone call or a campus visit to meet the administrators would help the process.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Senthil Murugan

Father of student Riya Senthil (**BU ID: U20767314**)