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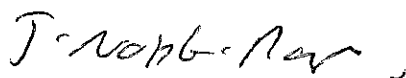
Dear Secretary of State

Review of teaching standards

We welcome the review that is to take place into the QTS and other teaching standards, and will support any moves to cut bureaucracy and clarify the content of the standards. We are, however, concerned about the under representation of the teacher education sector on the review group. Colleagues from Teach First and the University of Buckingham will be able to offer valuable perspectives derived from their small-scale specialist provision, however for the outcomes of the review to have the widest possible impact it is essential that representatives of high quality mainstream teacher education sector are involved at the earliest opportunity.

UCET is supportive of many of the policy initiatives announced in the Importance of Teaching White Paper, and is working with colleagues from TDA, the National College and others in taking some of these forward. You can therefore rest assured that any contribution representatives of the ITT sector make to the standards review will be constructive, professional and informed by strong understanding of the needs of partnership schools.

Yours sincerely,



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