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May 21, 2021

Dr. Kenneth R. Evans, President  
Lamar University  
4400 MLK Blvd., PO Box 10009  
Beaumont, TX 77710

Dear Dr. Evans,

I am attaching the final report on *A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of the TEXAS Grant at Lamar University*, Report No. THECB-CM-FA-21-018. There were no findings resulting from this engagement.

Lamar University complied with relevant Coordinating Board (THECB) rules and regulations for the Towards EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program and with Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 19, Chapter 22, Sections §22.225-22.240.

## Summary

Our desk review included tests of relevant financial data reported and certified by Lamar University for award year 2019-2020. We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for the findings and recommendations, if any, based on the desk review objectives.

Our work included procedures to verify:

- Students met all eligibility criteria, including SAP requirements;
- Students demonstrated financial need;
- Students fulfilled residency requirements;
- Applicable students registered with the selective service system; and
- Reported award amounts reconciled with Lamar University's student data system and payment records.

This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the THECB Committee on Agency Operations, a standing committee of the THECB Board, in July 2021.

The cooperation of your staff during this review is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments on the conduct of this engagement, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance

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