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OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Luetkemeyer:

Thank you for your letter regarding our proposed Program Integrity and Improvement regulations. Your letter has been forwarded to the Office of Postsecondary Education, and I am pleased to respond. An identical response has been sent to each of the cosigners of your letter.

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) received more than 200 comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) published in May, all of which are available for review by the public at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). We are currently in the process of diligently reviewing the comments received before the July 2 deadline to determine whether we should make changes before publishing a final regulation. Any final regulation that is published on or before November 1 of this year will become effective on July 1 of the following year.

In answer to your question regarding coordination with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), as stated in the NPRM, we consulted Federal banking regulators at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Bureau of the Fiscal Service at the Treasury Department, and CFPB for help in understanding Federal banking regulations and the Federal bank regulatory framework.

The Department remains committed to promulgating a final rule that balances consumer protections with convenient student access to title IV, HEA program funds.

If you have further concerns, please contact the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs at 202-401-0020. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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