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The Honorable Betsy DeVos
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary DeVos:

I received your response to the letter sent to you from 34 Senators requesting information about civil rights enforcement at the Department of Education. Your letter did not include the following information that we had requested in order to fully understand the changes in policy at the Department and Office of Civil Rights (OCR). I write to again request the following information:

1. A list of all open OCR cases involving a transgender student as of January 30, 2017, disaggregated by the nature of the complaint, and the current status of each of these cases.
2. A list of all open OCR cases involving sexual assault or sexual harassment as of January 30, 2017 and the current status of those cases.
3. A list of all cases OCR has closed or dismissed between January 1, 2017, and today, and the specific reason each case was closed.
4. A complete, un-redacted copy of the manual used by investigators.
5. An explanation of how the Department intends to ensure that OCR investigators are making determinations about transgender students' rights based on binding legal precedent in their region.
6. An answer as to whether the Department will continue to post all resolution agreements online.
7. Any and all memoranda, analyses, or other communications discussing the rationale for, and impact of, policy changes affecting civil rights enforcement by the Department.
8. Any and all memoranda, analyses, or other communications discussing the rationale for, and impact of, proposed budget cuts in OCR.
9. A list of all metrics that will be used by the Department to assess effectiveness of civil rights enforcement.

For questions about these requests, please contact Carly Rush or Jake Cornett with the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee at 202-224-0767.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United State Senator