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September 12, 2013

The Honorable Arne Duncan
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Duncan:

The Committee on Education and the Workforce is focused on supporting the nation's students, families, and educators by advancing policies that will help strengthen access to learning. As part of this effort, the committee is conducting oversight to ensure federal agencies are providing parents, school leaders, and other education stakeholders with ample opportunity to be informed about and provide comments on regulations being proposed by federal agencies. We are seeking a better understanding of the Department of Education's (ED) processes for providing notice and communicating with stakeholders about its regulatory proposals.

Please contact our staff **no later than September 19, 2013** to discuss your agency's work to provide a written response to the following requests relating to each regulation issued by ED since January 20, 2009:

1. The number of days the public was initially allowed to make comments on each regulation;
2. The date upon which the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) received informally and formally each regulation;
3. The date upon which OMB returned each regulation to ED;
4. An explanation of how ED determined the length of its period for public comment for each regulation; and
5. An explanation of any extensions of the period for public comment granted for each regulation.

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If you have additional questions or comments, please contact Mandy Schaumburg or Joe Wheeler of the committee staff at (202) 225-4527.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

CC: The Honorable George Miller, Senior Democratic Member, Committee on Education and the Workforce