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January 12, 2023

The Honorable Miguel Cardona
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary Cardona:

The Members of the 118th Congress were recently sworn in and, with this new Congress, we have new leadership in the House of Representatives. As the newly elected Chair of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, it is my responsibility to ensure accountability and transparency from federal agencies under the Committee's jurisdiction. With this letter, I am officially putting you on notice that your agency has an obligation to provide timely and complete responses to inquiries and requests made by the Committee.

During the first two years of the Biden administration, agencies have failed to comply fully with congressional oversight letters. I hope that that will end and we can expect robust responses from you in a timely manner to every letter sent from the Committee or its members. Enclosed is a copy of a letter Committee Republicans sent to which the Department of Education (ED) has not a provided full response:

1. September 28, 2022 –Letter to Secretary Cardona regarding free speech at colleges and universities.

The Committee expects ED to provide timely and complete responses to each letter enclosed. You are instructed to respond in writing by no later than January 27, 2023, with your plans for responding to each letter. Enclosed is a copy of the Committee's instructions to be followed for responses to oversight requests.

The Honorable Xavier Becerra

January 12, 2023

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ED is expected to comply with them as it responds to each of the letters cited in this letter and all others issued by the Committee during the 118th Congress. Failure to do so may result in the Committee taking more robust actions to ensure compliance with its oversight requests.

Sincerely,



Virginia Foxx
Chairwoman

Enclosures

Original September 28, 2022 Letter
Oversight Instructions