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Hon. Miguel Cardona
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20202

Dear Secretary Cardona:

As you may know, on June 12, 2023, the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, as well as other committees of jurisdiction, received a briefing from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on the draft results of its examination of fraud risks in the Biden administration's student loan debt transfer plan. On June 23, 2023, Committee staff had an opportunity to review the draft report.

GAO's findings were shocking. The report demonstrates the Department has zero regard for proper stewardship of taxpayer dollars and is planning to implement its debt transfer scheme with no assurance that the borrowers who will benefit are eligible according to the Department's own parameters. In light of the GAO's findings, it recommended several actions to address the substantial fraud and abuse that will occur if the debt relief plan moves forward in its current form.

The U.S. Supreme Court could be issuing its decision as early as tomorrow. Should the Court side with the Department or should the Department proceed with additional loan discharges based on self-certification, will you fully implement the GAO's recommendations prior to discharging any loans?

In addition to answering this simple question, I request a detailed briefing within 48 hours of the release of the final GAO report, on your responses to GAO's recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Virginia Foxx".

Virginia Foxx
Chairwoman
U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce