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The Honorable Arne Duncan  
Secretary of Education  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your response to my letter of February 3, 2014, and for having Department officials meet with my staff on February 12 regarding my investigation of 111 higher education institutions that may have been contravening the requirements of the Higher Education Act by explicitly requiring applicants to submit forms other than the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or by failing to make clear that only the FAFSA is required to be considered for federal student aid.

I am writing to inform you that, in the month since I sent my letter, it appears that all 111 of the institutions identified in my investigation have made changes to their websites to clarify their requirements for student aid applications and to ensure that they are in compliance with the law. I am enclosing the list of these schools for your review.

I believe that this is a very positive outcome. The changes made by these institutions demonstrate a commitment to ensuring that students receive appropriate instructions when applying for financial aid, and I continue to hope that, with your ongoing assistance, these institutions will continue to make strides in improving the process for applying for and receiving federal student aid. I appreciate the assistance of the Department of Education and look forward to further collaboration to work towards our shared goal of improving access to a high quality education for all Americans.

Sincerely,

  
Elijah E. Cummings  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Darrell E. Issa, Chairman

### Higher Education Institutions That Have Changed Their Financial Aid Instructions

1. Albany College of Pharmacy
2. American University
3. Amherst College
4. Barnard College
5. Bates College
6. Beloit College
7. Bennington College
8. Bentley University
9. Berklee College of Music
10. Boston College
11. Boston University
12. Brandeis University
13. Brown University
14. Bucknell University
15. California Institute of the Arts
16. California Institute of Technology
17. Carnegie Mellon University
18. Case Western Reserve University
19. Claremont McKenna College
20. Clark University
21. Colby College
22. College of William and Mary
23. Colorado College
24. Columbia University
25. Connecticut College
26. Cornell University
27. Dartmouth College
28. Davidson College
29. DePauw University
30. Dickinson College
31. Duke University
32. Emerson College
33. Emory University
34. Fordham University
35. Furman University
36. Georgia Institute of Technology
37. Georgetown University
38. George Washington University
39. Gettysburg College
40. Goucher College
41. Grinnell College
42. Hamilton College
43. Hampshire College
44. Harvard College
45. Harvey Mudd College
46. Hobart and William Smith College
47. Illinois Wesleyan University
48. Ithaca College
49. Kenyon College
50. Lehigh University
51. Lewis & Clark College
52. Loyola University of MD
53. Macalester College
54. Manhattan School of Music
55. Marist College
56. Middlebury College
57. Mount Holyoke College
58. Muhlenberg College
59. Nazareth College
60. New York University
61. Northeastern University
62. Northwestern University
63. Oberlin College
64. Polytechnic Institute of NYU
65. Pomona College
66. Providence College
67. Quinnipiac University
68. Reed College
69. Rhode Island School of Design
70. Rhodes College
71. Rice University
72. Roger Williams University
73. Sacred Heart University
74. San Francisco Conservatory of Music
75. Santa Clara University
76. Sarah Lawrence College
77. Scripps College
78. Skidmore College
79. Smith College
80. Smith College School of Social Work
81. St. Anselm College
82. St. Lawrence University

83. St. Mary's College (IN)
84. St. Olaf College
85. Stanford University
86. Stevens Institute of Technology
87. Susquehanna University
88. Swarthmore College
89. Syracuse University
90. Texas Christian University
91. Trinity College
92. Union College
93. University of California San Francisco
94. University of Chicago
95. University of Massachusetts Medical School
96. University of Miami
97. University of Michigan
98. University of Notre Dame
99. University of Pennsylvania
100. University of Puget Sound
101. University of Richmond
102. University of Rochester
103. Ursinus College
104. Vassar College
105. Wabash College
106. Washington and Lee University
107. Wellesley College
108. Wheaton College (MA)
109. Williams College
110. Worcester Polytechnic Institute
111. Yale University