

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 15, 2019

The Honorable Betsy DeVos
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Secretary DeVos:

We are extremely disappointed with the unacceptable response to our June 18 letter requesting the status of each borrower defense group discharge application submitted by State attorneys general.

Rather than provide an update on each of the applications submitted by at least 20 State attorneys general as requested, the response—signed by Principal Deputy Undersecretary Diane Auer Jones—stated only that the “requests for group relief submitted to date by State attorneys general are in various stages of review by the Department.” This reply is not responsive to our original request.

Our staff have repeatedly requested that you provide the information we originally sought—to no avail. A request of 22 members of the United States Senate deserves more respect than that conveyed by your continued failure to provide the information we sought.

Once, again, please provide the requested information, and no later than December 2, 2019.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator



Patty Murray
United States Senator