



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
FOIA Service Center

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Robyn K. Bitner
National Student Legal Defense Network
1015 15th Street NW, Ste. 600
Washington, DC 20005

RE: FOIA Request No. 19-00550-F

Dear Ms. Bitner:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated December 18, 2018 and received in this office on December 19, 2018. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request: Office of the Deputy Secretary (ODS).

You requested the following:

- All Notices of Proposed Debarments issued or provided to any individual or entity relating to, or arising out of, that individual's or entity's participation or involvement in Title IV, HEA programs; and
All Notices of Proposed Suspensions issued or provided to any individual or entity relating to, or arising out of, that individual's or entity's participation or involvement in Title IV, HEA programs.

The staff in ODS informed the FOIA Service Center that, after a thorough search of their files, they were unable to locate any documents that were responsive to your request.

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation.

They can be contacted by:

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Lastly, you have the right to appeal this decision by writing to the address below, 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right or the deadline to file an appeal. Your appeal must be in writing and must include detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by this letter, a copy of your initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in making an administrative determination on your appeal.

Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf.

Appeals can also be submitted by:

E-mail: EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov
Fax: 202-401-0920
Mail: Appeals Office
Office of the Chief Privacy Officer
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 7W106A
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If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Service Center at (202) 401-8365 or via e-mail at EDFOIAManager@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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