

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

September 15, 2023

Emily Santora Student Defense 1701 Rhode Island Ave. NW Washington, DC 20036

RE: FOIA Request No. 23-00713-F

Dear Emily Santora:

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 January 9, 2023, and received in this office on January 10, 2023. Your request was forwarded to the Office of Financial Operations (OFO) and Federal Student Aid (FSA) to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following:

"Student Defense requests that the Department produce the following records within twenty business days of the date of this request:

• A complete listing of all institutions with unpaid liabilities stemming from closures or compliance and enforcement actions,

- The amount of those liabilities, and
- The date on which the liabilities were assessed.

Effectively, this request is for the same report sought in our eight previous FOIA requests, but with updated data for this past month. From the Department's prior responses, we understand that the Department generally produces these reports as of the month-end.

Thus, the Department can construe this request for reports produced as of December 31, 2022."

On behalf of OFO and FSA, available for Public Access Link (PAL) download are 68 pages of fully releasable documents responsive to your request. The documents pertain to:

Institution liabilities

You can access your PAL account or register for a PAL account at this link: https://foiaxpress.pal.ed.gov/app/PalLogin.aspx

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover the costs pertaining to your request. The Department has concluded that you fall within the category of Other. However, the Department has granted your fee waiver. The Department's release of this information at no cost does not infer or imply that you will be granted a fee waiver for future requests made under FOIA to the Department.

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You have the right to seek further assistance from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, Robert Wehausen. The Department's FOIA Public Liaison can be reached by email at <u>robert.wehausen@ed.gov</u>; by phone at 202-205-0733; by fax at 202-401-0920; or by mail at Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, 7W104, Washington, DC 20202-4500, Attn: FOIA Public Liaison.

If you have any questions, please contact the FSC at (202) 401-8365 or EDFOIAMANAGER@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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