

United States Department of Education

Office of the Secretary FOIA Service Center

June 21, 2024

Sarai Chaidez Policy Associate Student Defense 1701 Rhode Island Avenue NW Washington, DC 20036

RE: FOIA Request No. 24-02137-F

Dear Sarai Chaidez:

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 May 21, 2024, and received in the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) FOIA Service Center on May 22, 2024. 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 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 April 30, 2024."

Your request was forwarded to Federal Student Aid and the Office of Finance and Operations. The Department has identified a spreadsheet that is being released in full.

The pages are available for download via the Public Access Link (PAL). You can access your PAL account, or register for a PAL account, at this link: https://foiaxpress.pal.ed.gov/app/PalLogin.aspx

Fees

There are no fees associated with processing this request. Therefore, any fee waiver request submitted for this FOIA request is not applicable.

Additional Assistance

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, offers ombuds services, including dispute resolution, to assist FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Please note, OGIS's assistance does not replace the administrative appeal process described below. You may contact the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS at:

FOIA Public Liaison Office of the Secretary U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Ave., SW, LBJ 7W104 Washington, DC 20202-4500 Email: <u>robert.wehausen@ed.gov</u> Phone: 202-205-0733 Fax: 202-401-0920

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road, OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001 Email: <u>OGIS@nara.gov</u> Phone: 202-741-5770 or 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal this decision, as well as decisions in any previous interim releases, with the Department by submitting an appeal to the address below, no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Using the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS services described above does not affect your right or the deadline to file an appeal. Your appeal must be in writing and must include a 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 supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in making an administrative determination on your appeal. You may submit your appeal by:

Mail: Appeals Office
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 7W104
Washington, DC 20202-4536
Online Form: www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf
Email: EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov

Fax: 202-401-0920

Sincerely,

Sandra Lewandowski Government Information Specialist Office of the Secretary