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Dr. Miguel Cardona  
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Dear Secretary Cardona,


It is our understanding that these proposed rules were scheduled to be finalized last month, and we are concerned about the delay. For years, students across the country have lived under former President Donald Trump’s Title IX policies that weakened protections for sexual assault and harassment survivors and sowed confusion about the extent of students’ protections against sex discrimination, including discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics.

We appreciate the hard work put into updating the draconian Trump-era Title IX rule and other Title IX policies and know the Biden Administration shares our concern for student safety and wellbeing.

We request an updated timeline and urge you to dedicate all necessary resources to finalize these rules as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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