



June 23, 2026

The Honorable Linda E. McMahon
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Secretary McMahon:

As members of the Democratic Women's Caucus, we are outraged that since the start of the second Trump administration, the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Education (OCR) has not entered into a single resolution agreement addressing sexual assault or harassment in schools. Instead, this administration is wasting taxpayer dollars pursuing immaterial politically motivated investigations while failing vulnerable students, including survivors of sexual assault or violence. **We urge you to cease baseless investigations and demonstrate immediate progress in effectively resolving all pending OCR cases to deliver real enforceable legal protection for students facing discrimination based on their sex.**

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination in every school and college that receives federal funding. OCR is charged with responding to student complaints and enforcing their rights. On January 20, 2025, at the start of the second Trump administration, there were 777 sexual harassment cases and 334 sexual violence cases pending. But since you have been Secretary, OCR has **resolved zero sexual harassment or sexual violence cases** through a resolution agreement. Public reporting also indicates that OCR during the second Trump term has opened fewer than 10 sexual violence investigations. This failure by the Department of Education is unacceptable and a betrayal to women and girls.

The administration claims to be protecting women and girls through Title IX, but your actual enforcement record proves otherwise. When President Trump took office, OCR had over 2,800 pending Title IX cases under investigation alleging all types of sex discrimination at elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and universities in every state in our country. In 2025 and after the start of the Trump administration, OCR reached resolution agreements in just 31 of Title IX cases—a 61 percent decline from the 80 resolution agreements OCR reached in 2024.

Also, this administration has spent enormous political energy claiming to defend girls' and women's access to sports. Yet, Trump's OCR reached a resolution agreement in only one Title IX case involving actual sex discrimination in athletics, despite 199 pending Title IX athletics cases. The other two Title IX athletics resolution agreements focused on attacking the rights of transgender women and girls—an issue that OCR has prioritized.

While OCR abandoned survivors, the Trump administration directed its limited enforcement resources toward a different political priority: investigating school policies regarding transgender students, even when no complaint was filed against the school. In April 2026, the Department rescinded portions of six existing Title IX resolution agreements—at Cape Henlopen School District, Delaware Valley School District, Fife School District, La Mesa-Spring Valley School District, Sacramento City Unified, and Taft College—stripping away federally-secured protections for transgender students at those schools. This administration cannot claim to be a defender of women and girls while leaving hundreds of sexual violence complaints unresolved and canceling civil rights protections that students were promised.

Your failure to enforce Title IX protections for millions of women and girls is deliberate and indefensible. In March 2025, the Trump administration placed 299 OCR employees—nearly half the agency’s entire workforce—on paid administrative leave and closed seven of OCR’s 12 regional offices, barring investigators from doing their jobs. According to the Government Accountability Office, this decision cost taxpayers up to \$38 million in salaries paid to investigators who were prohibited from working. To this day, the Department has not explained to Congress how many investigators have returned to work, what caseloads they now carry, or how OCR plans to address the backlog it created.

The Democratic Women’s Caucus has always championed Title IX—for student survivors of sexual assault, for women and girls’ athletic teams denied equal opportunity, and for every student who deserves to learn in an environment free from sex discrimination. Many of us have lived these experiences ourselves: navigating workplaces and institutions that were indifferent to harassment, fighting to be heard, and fighting to be believed. The law exists because discrimination and assault are real, pervasive, and devastating. When OCR fails to enforce Title IX, real people suffer real harm.

Protecting students’ civil rights is your fundamental responsibility as the Secretary of Education, and instead of using your authority to provide justice to survivors, you are weaponizing it against vulnerable students. That is shameful. We call on you to take immediate action to increase the resources focused on Title IX enforcement of actual and pending cases of sex discrimination and cease baseless directed investigations against schools or colleges.

Additionally, we call on you to provide complete and timely answers to the following questions within 30 days of receipt of this letter:

1. How many Title IX complaints have been filed with OCR and how many Title IX directed investigations have been initiated by OCR since January 20, 2025, disaggregated by type of alleged discrimination (sexual harassment, sexual violence, athletics, pregnancy, single-sex programs or scholarships, and [ET1] others)?
2. How many Title IX complaints or directed investigations were dismissed, closed for administrative reasons, resolved through mediation, or resolved through a resolution agreement? In your response please disaggregate by each action.
3. How many of those Title IX complaints or directed investigations are still pending investigation?

4. How many of the Title IX complaints or directed investigations in Questions 1, 2, and 3 involved a claim of discrimination based on a school having a transgender-inclusive athletics, bathroom, enrollment, or other school policy?
5. How many OCR investigators are currently assigned to Title IX cases, and what is the average caseload per investigator?
6. Please provide a complete list of all Title IX resolution agreements rescinded or modified since January 20, 2025, including the institutions affected and the specific provisions removed from those agreements.
7. What written guidance or directives regarding the prioritization or handling of Title IX complaints, if any, has the Department issued to OCR regional offices since January 20, 2025?

The women and girls who filed these complaints deserve answers. We will not stop pressing for them. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



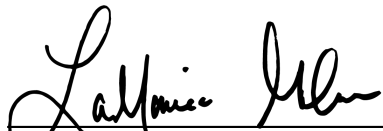
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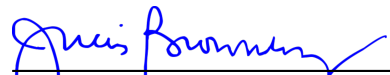
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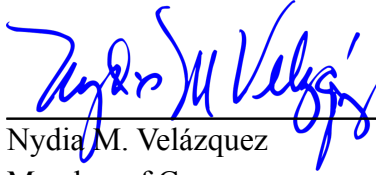
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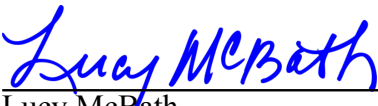
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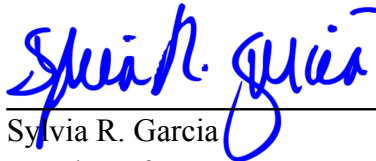
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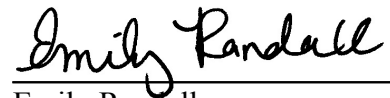
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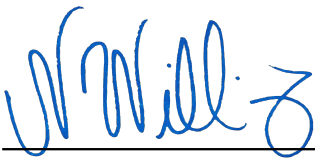
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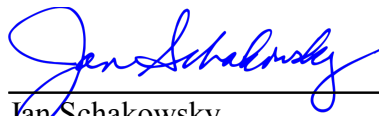
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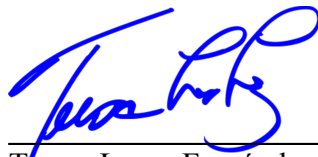
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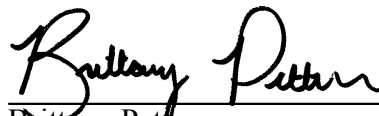
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