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The Honorable Tom Harkin  
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Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
SD – 428  
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Dear Chairman Harkin:

I am writing on behalf of the Republican members of the HELP Committee to inform you that we will not participate in the hearing scheduled to take place on June 7, 2011.

On April 13, 2011, we wrote to raise our concerns about the conduct of the Majority's investigation of for-profit institutions. Since then, the Majority has made no effort to address these concerns or engage us in a constructive discussion of how this committee can meet the urgent challenges faced by all students regardless of the institution of higher education they are attending. Furthermore, we are troubled by statements from the Majority staff suggesting that the continuation of this investigation is motivated in part by a desire to embarrass the institutions you were unable to persuade to participate in the previous hearings.

Again, we agree that the rising cost of higher education, student debt and student outcomes are issues that warrant the attention of Congress. However, these problems exist throughout all sectors of higher education and will not be understood in a meaningful way as long as this committee chooses to ignore the full scope of the problem. Therefore, until the Majority demonstrates a sincere willingness to hold fair proceedings on higher education, we will not participate in any hearings on this issue.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member

Enclosure