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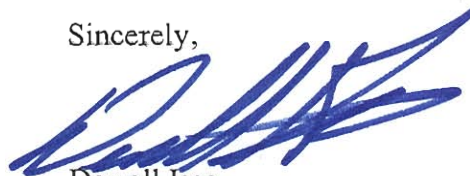
The Honorable Edolphus "Ed" Towns
Member of Congress
2232 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative Towns:

Thank you for your May 24, 2011, letter concerning the process by which the U.S. Department of Education promulgated the "Gainful Employment" regulation. The Department published the final regulation on June 2, 2011.

As I share your concerns regarding the potential impact of this regulation on jobs, my staff has been closely following this regulation. In addition, the Committee is planning to schedule a hearing in the near future on the regulation. I have enjoyed working closely with you, and I look forward to continuing to do so in a spirit of bipartisan cooperation.

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member