



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Alma S. Adams  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Adams:

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Honorable Joyce Beatty  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Beatty:

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Honorable Donald S. Beyer, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Beyer:

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Honorable Earl Blumenauer  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Honorable Suzanne Bonamici  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bonamici:

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Honorable Julia Brownley  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Brownley:

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Salud O. Carbajal  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Carbajal:

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Kathy Castor  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Castor:

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Honorable Judy Chu  
House of Representatives  
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Honorable David N. Cicilline  
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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Yvette D. Clarke  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Clarke:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Emanuel Cleaver  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Cleaver:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Steve Cohen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Cohen:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Joe Courtney  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Courtney:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Susan A. Davis  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Davis:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Peter A. DeFazio  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative DeFazio:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Diana DeGette  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative DeGette:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Suzan K. DelBene  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative DelBene:

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Mark DeSaulnier  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative DeSaulnier:

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Debbie Dingell  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Dingell:

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Anna G. Eshoo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Eshoo:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Adriano Espaillat  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Espaillat:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Elizabeth H. Esty  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Esty:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Lois Frankel  
Chair, Democratic Women's Working Group  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Frankel:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Tulsi Gabbard  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Gabbard:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable John Garamendi  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Garamendi:

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Jimmy Gomez  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Gomez:

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Grijalva:

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hanabusa:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Alcee L. Hastings  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hastings:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Denny Heck  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Heck:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Jared Huffman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Pramila Jayapal  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jayapal:

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Johnson:

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kaptur:

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Ann M. Kuster  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Rick Larsen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Larsen:

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March 28, 2019

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Honorable Brenda L. Lawrence  
Vice-Chair  
Democratic Women's Working Group  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lawrence:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Al Lawson, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lawson:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Barbara Lee  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Alan Lowenthal  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lowenthal:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Nita M. Lowey  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lowey:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Maloney:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Doris O. Matsui  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Matsui:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Betty McCollum  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative McCollum:

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March 28, 2019

Honorable James P. McGovern  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Jerry McNerney  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Grace Meng  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Meng:

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Gwen Moore  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Moore:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Seth Moulton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Moulton:

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Jerrold Nadler  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Nadler:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Grace F. Napolitano  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Napolitano:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Delegate Norton:

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pascrell:

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Chellie Pingree  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pingree:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Mark Pocan  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pocan:

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Jamie Raskin  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Raskin:

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Kathleen M. Rice  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rice:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Jacky Rosen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rosen:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Roybal-Allard:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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Kenneth L. Marcus  
Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Tim Ryan  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ryan:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Linda T. Sánchez  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sánchez:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Janice D. Schakowsky  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Schakowsky:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Adam B. Schiff  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Schiff:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Carol Shea-Porter  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Shea-Porter:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Albio Sires  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sires:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Adam Smith  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Smith:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Darren Soto  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Soto:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Honorable Jackie Speier  
Policy and Communications Chair  
Democratic Women's Working Group  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Speier:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Dina Titus  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Titus:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Paul Tonko  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Tonko:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Norma J. Torres  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Torres:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Juan Vargas  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Vargas:

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Nydia M. Velázquez  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Velázquez:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Peter J. Visclosky  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Visclosky:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Wasserman Schultz:

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March 28, 2019

Honorable Peter Welch  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Honorable Frederica S. Wilson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Wilson:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

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March 28, 2019

Honorable John A. Yarmuth  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Yarmuth:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) proposed regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. An identical copy of this response has been sent to all co-signers of the letter.

On November 16, 2018, the Department publicly announced the availability of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) and posted an unofficial version on the Department's website. On November 29, 2018, the NPRM was published in the Federal Register (83 FR 61462) with a 60-day comment period, scheduled to close on January 28, 2019. The comment period was initially extended through January 30, 2019.<sup>1</sup> To give the public an additional opportunity to comment—particularly anyone who may have experienced technical difficulties using the Federal eRulemaking Portal—the Department reopened the comment period for one additional day on February 15, 2019.<sup>2</sup> The Department has received more than 105,000 comments on the NPRM. The NPRM was drafted by the Department after extensive outreach with a wide range of stakeholders, including students, parents, survivors, accused students, school administrators, advocacy groups, attorneys, and policy experts, to learn about their experiences and to hear their views on how the Department can best assist schools in fulfilling their obligations under Title IX.

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Thank you for your interest in the Department's efforts to enforce Title IX. If you have additional suggestions on this or any other topic, please contact Peter Oppenheim, Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, at 202-401-0020.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> The Federal eRulemaking Portal was temporarily unavailable for portions of January 16, 2019, and January 17, 2019, due to technical issues. To ensure that the public had 60 days in total to submit comments on the Department's NPRM using the Federal eRulemaking Portal, the Department extended the public comment period through January 30, 2019. See 84 FR 409.

<sup>2</sup> In an abundance of caution, to the extent that some members of the public may have experienced technical issues preventing the submission of comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal, the Department announced that it was reopening the comment period for one day on February 15, 2019. See 84 FR 4018, [www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-14/pdf/2019-02566.pdf](http://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-14/pdf/2019-02566.pdf).