



LOYOLA  
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Ms. Catherine E. Lhamon  
Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
United States Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20202

RE: Loyola University New Orleans' Title IX Exemption

Dear Ms. Lhamon:

Please accept this letter as Loyola University New Orleans' official request to disclaim Loyola's 1986 Title IX religious exemption.

At the time of the requested exemption Loyola University offered our student body health insurance policies. Provisions of Title IX contained various references to benefits of health policies relating to 'termination of pregnancy, or recovery there from,' These provisions were in direct conflict and inconsistent with the beliefs, tenets and policies of Loyola University New Orleans and the Roman Catholic Church of which we are directly affiliated with. Thus, the university sought and was granted a religious exemption to these provisions of Title IX in 1986.

While Loyola University is still affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, the university no longer offers health insurance policies to our students. Thus, the exemption that was granted in 1986 is no longer needed and we ask that this exemption be withdrawn.

We are thankful for the Office of Civil Right's respect for the religious freedom of our institution and their granting this exemption when requested. However, Loyola University New Orleans would ask that OCR remove it from any list of universities holding a Title IX exemption.

Sincerely,

Kevin Wm. Wildes, S.J.  
President

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