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PUBLIC COMMENT:

It might be good if the Department of Education implemented a system whereby it could be determined if schools that offer DOE student loans are deserving of them.

Offering financing for diploma mills that give a student scant time to determine if the school is any good, then leaving them stuck paying for a useless education that leaves them unqualified for any jobs they supposedly trained for is probably the single biggest factor in defaults.

After all if a student doesn't get a decent education because the school they picked turns out to be a scam operation, they're not exactly too keen on paying for it and even if they were, they're not able to use the so-called "education" or "training" they received.

Stop offering financing and student loans to bogus schools.
Glendale Career College is a textbook example.

This scam school offered "computer training" and churned out diplomas for "Internet Online Media Specialists".

Try Googling to see if there is such a certification.

Lotsa luck with that one....there's no such qualification and no jobs for someone with one of these worthless diplomas but unfortunately many people wind up stuck paying for their schooling while unable to get work in the field they supposedly trained for.

I know this from firsthand experience, which is why I never paid off my loan and have no intention of ever doing so. Not three weeks had passed before I was told I was now required to pay the loan and that it was too late to change my mind. A month and a half later I realized I'd never get any work as an "Internet Online Media Specialist"...because that's a fancy term for someone who knows how to upload videos to YouTube.

So in closing, I simply ask that the DOE check into the schools that want student loan money. Check to see if they deserve it, check to see if they actually offer real training for real work in a real industry, or if they're just a fly by night scam operation.