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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking,
Housing, and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member Warren:

Thank you for your April 1, 2026, letter to Secretary Linda McMahon and Secretary Scott Bessent regarding the interagency agreement (IAA) between the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury). Your letter was forwarded to my attention, and I am pleased to respond. For your awareness, an identical response will be sent to the cosigners of your letter.

The historic Federal Student Assistance Partnership announced by ED and Treasury on March 29, 2026, will drive much-needed reforms to our nation's federal student assistance programs. As ED returns education to the states and breaks up the federal education bureaucracy, Treasury is well positioned to provide operational support to ED's ongoing work to enhance the management of the federal student assistance programs.

Throughout each phase of the partnership, ED, in conjunction with Treasury, will communicate directly with stakeholders, including students, parents, borrowers, institutions, and vendors to outline anticipated plans and timelines as well as address any questions. We will ensure that Congress continues to receive timely updates as developments arise.

Please be assured that we acknowledge and appreciate your interest in our work to return education to the states. We carefully review all congressional correspondence, and, as such, we have taken your letter under advisement.

The Department will continue to abide by all laws, court orders, regulations, and the U.S. Constitution, including those that impact the operations and programs your letter addresses.

Thank you again for writing about this important matter. The Secretary is committed to working with Congress to improve education in this country. Should you need further assistance, your staff may contact our Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs at (202) 401-0020.

Sincerely,

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for Legislation and Congressional Affairs