

United States Senate

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Hon. Linda McMahon
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary McMahon,

Thank you for your leadership as head of the Department of Education. Your dedication and commitment to education is incredibly important for ensuring the development of the young minds of this nation. Under your leadership, the Department has made great strides in accomplishing many of President Trump's goals, including supporting school choice, evidence-based literacy and meaningful learning, and eliminating more than \$2 billion in unnecessary and divisive spending.

Through the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, we have been named Co-Chairmen of the newly founded Education Fraud Task Force. The task force was created to promote clarity, accountability, and trust in federally funded education and child care programs. Our goal is for all Americans to know that money allocated towards funding education will be accounted for and spent wisely. Taxpayers demand that federal investment in our nation's education is efficient, effective, and transparent. Education is the key to opportunity, and our funding priorities should reflect this.


The Department of Education has tackled fraud head on by prioritizing the identification and verification of every student who receives federal aid to ensure they are a real person, not a fraudulent entity. Rectifying the damage caused by the Biden Administration's illegal student loan bailout agenda is a top priority of yours, and it is one of ours as well. These efforts to stop fraud are critical to safeguarding the resources of hard-working Americans and protecting the sanctity of the education system. We are hopeful that under your leadership, wasteful and ineffective spending will continue to be rooted out.

The Education Fraud Task Force asks for the Department of Education's support to develop strong collaborative efforts and continue the good works of the Department in uncovering, identifying, and preventing fraud. This support will bolster the ability to fight fraud and protect our education systems and students from frivolous and illegal spending schemes. We look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,



Tommy Tuberville
United States Senator



Jon Husted
United States Senator