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BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Maria Teresa Cueva FOIA Specialist U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., ROB3, Room 4050 Washington, D.C. 20202-4651

Re: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Cueva:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. Section 552 et seq., and 34 C.F.R. Part 5, I hereby request a copy of all records pertaining to complaints filed with the Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"), including but not limited to complaints filed by the Center for Equal Opportunity and/or the American Civil Rights Institute, regarding the legality under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 of race- or national-origin-conscious student financial aid or other programs administered by any institution of higher education, including but not limited to East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine, Seton Hall Law School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Wisconsin Platteville, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Virginia Tech University, St. Louis University, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Hawaii, University of Virginia, and Washington University in St. Louis. Please include in your response all enforcement actions and any other dispositions taken by OCR in response to a complaint filed in the manner described above. Please limit your response to complaints filed on or after January 1, 2001.

Hogan & Hartson L.L.P. is willing to pay reasonable costs of responding to this request, but please notify me at the above telephone number before incurring costs in excess of \$200.

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If you should deny access to any documents covered by this request, please describe each of those documents in detail and specify the statutory bases claimed for denial as well as any reasons for asserting that claim. As you know, the FOIA provides that if only a portion of a document is exempt from release, all reasonably segregable portions shall be provided. Thus, if you assert that a portion of any document which I have requested is exempt, please provide me with a copy of the remainder of the document. If you assert that exempt portions cannot be reasonably redacted, please state the reasons for that assertion in detail.

I can be reached at 202 637 5496 or sigold@hhlaw.com. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Stephanie J. Gold

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