



New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association

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Honorable Secretary of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Subject: Inclusion of Financial Aid Administrators in Negotiated Rulemaking Committees

Dear Madam Secretary,

On behalf of the New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association (NYSFAAA), we respectfully submit this letter to advocate for the inclusion of financial aid administrators in the upcoming negotiated rulemaking (Neg Reg) committees.

With more than 1,500 members representing institutions across New York State, NYSFAAA brings decades of experience supporting students and families in navigating the financial aid process. Financial aid administrators play a vital role in implementing federal policy at the campus level, ensuring compliance while guiding students through complex and often high-stakes financial decisions.

Our firsthand experience administering Title IV programs, interpreting federal regulations, and addressing the day-to-day challenges faced by students provides a valuable, practical perspective. We strongly urge the Department to ensure that this perspective is represented among the selected negotiators.

Including financial aid professionals in the rulemaking process will help ensure that any new regulations are both operationally sound and student-centered. We appreciate your continued commitment to strengthening federal student aid programs and thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Zasso", is shown on a light-colored background.

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