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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate regarding the
Office for Civil Rights.**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 1st Sess.****S. 163**

To require institutions of higher education participating in Federal student aid programs to share information about title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including a link to the webpage of the Office for Civil Rights where an individual can submit a complaint regarding discrimination in violation of such title, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. MURRAY

Viz:

1 At the end, add the following:

2 **SEC. _____. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

3 It is the sense of the Senate that—

4 (1) the Office for Civil Rights of the Depart-
5 ment of Education (referred to in this section as
6 “OCR”) plays a vital role in investigating discrimi-
7 nation complaints, conducting compliance reviews,
8 monitoring, corrective action plans, and providing
9 technical assistance on civil rights issues;

1 (2) OCR enforces title VI of the Civil Rights
2 Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), title IX of
3 the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C.
4 1681 et seq.), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
5 of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), title II of the Americans
6 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131 et
7 seq.), and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42
8 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.);

9 (3) a largely complaint-driven case process is
10 vital at OCR to ensure students can learn in an en-
11 vironment free from harassment and discrimination;

12 (4) adequate levels of investigative staff are
13 necessary for OCR to resolve complaints of discrimi-
14 nation and ensure that educational institutions re-
15 ceiving Federal financial assistance abide by the civil
16 rights statutes enforced by OCR; and

17 (5) since January 20, 2025, 43 percent of OCR
18 staff have been fired, including the entire staff at 7
19 of the 12 OCR regional offices, causing caseloads to
20 increase by 206 percent per OCR investigator.