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Marcella Goodridge-Keiller
Designated Agency Ethics Official
U.S. Department of Education
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Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Ms. Goodridge-Keiller:

I am writing in regard to Secretary DeVos's ethics agreement that seeks to resolve any actual or perceived conflicts-of-interest. Secretary DeVos signed the ethics agreement on January 19, 2017, and that letter was transmitted to Congress as part of her nomination process. According to the terms of the agreement, Secretary DeVos was required to take certain actions within 90 days of her confirmation. I am writing to confirm that she has executed the terms of that agreement to your satisfaction.

Specifically, as part of the agreement to resolve potential conflicts of interest, Secretary DeVos agreed to divest her interests in 102 entities. These entities are listed in full on Attachment A of her ethics agreement. Given that the 90 day period since her confirmation on February 7, 2017 has now passed, I would like to confirm that Secretary DeVos has fully and timely completed the process of divesting from all 102 entities that potentially conflicted with her duties at the Department of Education. I still have serious concerns about Secretary DeVos' many potential conflicts of interest, and I plan to continue doing everything I can to hold her accountable for putting the interests of students and parents first. Full divestment is an important step in the right direction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response before May 29, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Carly Rush or Amanda Beaumont on my Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Staff at 202-224-0767.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator
Ranking Member, Senate Health, Education, Labor,
and Pensions Committee