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January 24, 2020

Honorable Richard Durbin
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510
ATTN: Brad Middleton

Dear Senator Durbin:

The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) writes to express support for S.J. Res. 56, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability."

As you know, AJCU represents twenty-seven institutions in the United States, and is affiliated with over 200 worldwide. Our institutions range from major research universities to smaller colleges that combine the liberal arts and professional studies. For nearly 500 years, millions of people across the world have experienced the transformative power of a Jesuit education. From serving in Congress to serving in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps; running laboratories to competing in the Olympics; leading countries to leading the Catholic Church, graduates of Jesuit institutions are making positive contributions to the world around us.

In August 2018, AJCU co-signed a letter to the U.S. Department of Education and shared specific concerns on the proposed final rule on borrower defense payments. We cautioned that individuals would be negatively impacted by the Department's proposed regulations, which would not stop fraudulent practices in the future, further harming students.

For students who have been misled by an institution, or where an institution has engaged in misconduct, establishing a process that protects student and taxpayer dollars seems only fair. We did not find that the Administration's proposed rule met that bar of protecting students and ensuring appropriate responsibility on the part of institutions.

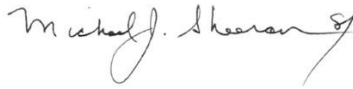
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If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Jenny Smulson,
Director of Government Affairs for AJCU: jmulson@ajcunet.edu.

We look forward to working with your office on higher education issues in
the year ahead.

Sincerely,



Rev. Michael J. Sheeran, S.J.

President

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