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RE: Comments responding to Department of Education 34 CFR Subtitles A and B,
Evaluation of Existing Regulations [Docket ID: ED-2017-OS-0074]

In response to Department of Education 34 CFR Subtitles A and B, Evaluation of Existing Regulations [Docket ID: ED-2017-OS-0074] request for comments, attached please find my comments outlining regulations that I believe are appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification.

I care deeply about this area and have been working closely with Congress for several years to try to fix a series of troublesome regulations put in place by the previous Administration. I have been a vocal supporter of Chairwoman Foxx's efforts to repeal higher education regulations including state authorization, definition of a credit hour, and the "scorecard" ratings system.

I was invited to testify in April before the House Committee on Education and the Workforce by Chairwoman Virginia Foxx at a hearing entitled "Strengthening Accreditation to Better Protect Students and Taxpayers" where I shared my perspectives as a regionally accredited university president and former chair of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. I also testified at the request of Chairman Lamar Alexander before the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee in June of 2015 on accreditation. In April of 2014, at the invitation of then chairwoman, Virginia Foxx, House Education and the Workforce Higher Education Subcommittee, I provided testimony concerning federal overreach and harmful overregulation.

I have served as president of Thomas Edison State University for over three decades and served as a member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for 19 years under five Secretaries of Education, under three Presidents of both parties.

I look forward to serving as a resource to you and I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.