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After an academic year under the DeVos regulations, I am strongly against the live hearing requirement. I have not had a single person who has talked with me about an incident who has been willing to move forward with a complaint since this has gone into effect. The student hears what is required with the live hearing and says, in essence, "no thanks."

Our university has always worked hard to bring fairness to the Title IX process anyway, but I believe that this can be accomplished in the process at any institution without requiring live hearings with live cross-examination, increasing the likelihood of attorneys becoming involved in the Title IX process, as the live hearing does. We are educational institutions, not courts of law, and we should not be expected to act as a quasi-court.

I implore you to do away with the live hearing/cross-examination mandate in Title IX regulations. It discourages students who have been harmed from reporting, potentially costs institutions a great deal of money in legal fees, and I am doubtful that it provides any clearer picture of the events cited in the incident.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak,

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