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I am concerned about Section 106.45(b)(1) of the Title IX Regulation.

One of the things that make America different from other countries is the Presumption of Innocence until Proven Guilty.

In a criminal court, the prosecution must in most cases prove that the accused is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. This should be no different in any campus investigation of allegations of misconduct.

The "Start by Believing" or "victim-centered" types of investigation are in direct opposition to Due Process.

I urge the Dept. of Education to retain and strengthen its current regulation pertaining to impartial investigations.

Please keep in mind that fair investigations are essential for reliable campus proceedings. Thank you!

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