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My name is Erika MacDonald and I just graduated from (b)(6) College. I am writing to state my strong opposition to the current Title IX regulations, and to encourage the Department of Education to replace the 2020 amendments with rules that better support students. I do not think the people testifying in support of the current regulations speak for the majority of students, and as those impacted most by the Title IX rules, our unique perspectives and experiences must be taken into account. One of the provisions that concerns me most is the exclusion of off-campus misconduct from school's Title IX jurisdiction, because I have seen how harm that happens off campus can still greatly impact a survivor's access to their education. I am also against requiring cross examination of students who are part of Title IX grievance proceedings, as this requirement can create unnecessary stress and trauma for both parties and witnesses, especially those who are already traumatized by the reported incident. I want all students to be able to safely learn without violence or discrimination, and to know that their school will provide appropriate supportive options when sexual misconduct occurs. I urge the Dept. to update Title IX regulations to truly be in students' best interest.

Many thanks,
Erika MacDonald