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I am writing to express my strong support for the current, very basic protections for the accused in Title IX hearings, including requiring institutions to allow live hearings and cross-examinations.

These minimal protections are necessary to ensure basic fairness. Without them, illegitimate Title IX charges can be used as a weapon to silence, cow, and destroy. I have seen it happen.

It is a bedrock of our American legal system that the accused has some basic protections. I cannot fathom why the Department of Education would consider doing away with these protections in the Title IX context. I urge the Department to leave these minimal protections in place.

Sincerely,

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