



June 15, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
235 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CHCC), representing the interest of over 700,000 Hispanic-owned businesses in the State of California, we recognize the need for higher education and want to ensure that our youth are not denied opportunities.

When considering education opportunities and preparing oneself for a job and a career, many students must fund their education through financial aid to gain a competitive edge and better prepare themselves for future employment.

Unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Education has proposed a Gainful Employment rule that would determine which students get Title IV loans and which are rejected. Under the Gainful Employment rule, students' eligibility for Title IV loans would be determined by the Department's projections of the potential starting salaries within a student's chosen area of study. Even if these projections are accurate – which is not guaranteed – should students choose areas of study based purely on financial implications, and not on career aspiration or personal happiness or quality of life? It's unfair for government to dictate, in any way, who can get Title IV loans, for any reason.

Hundreds of thousands of students would be prevented from obtaining an education that prepares them for jobs that California needs, simply because their course of study prepares them for jobs that don't fit into the Education Department's Gainful Employment formula. The proposed rule discriminates against students enrolled in America's career-oriented private sector colleges.

I urge you to contact the Department of Education and to work with them to remove the proposed Gainful Employment rule.

Sincerely,


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