



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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The Honorable John Kline
Ranking Member, Committee on Education and Labor
U.S. House of Representatives
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Kline:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the U.S. Department of Education (Department) Office of Inspector General review statements made by Department officials regarding the proposed elimination of the Federal Family Education Loan program, in relation to the Department's annual appropriation bill's funding limitation and 18 U.S.C. § 1913.

We will conduct a review of this matter and will provide the findings once our work is completed. We intend to begin our review as soon as staff resources are available. As you know, our resources are limited due to the demands of our work relating to the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* and the *Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loan Act of 2008*. We are, however, committed to completing this review in as timely manner as possible.

If you have any questions or if there is additional information you would like to share with us, please contact Catherine Grant, our Congressional Liaison, at (202) 245-7023.

Very truly yours,

Mary Mitchelson
Acting Inspector General

cc: The Honorable George Miller, Chairman, House Education and Labor Committee
The Honorable Gabriella Gomez, Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislation and
Congressional Affairs