

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 30, 2019

The Honorable Betsy DeVos
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Madam Secretary:

We write to express our concern that the Department of Education has failed to respond to the March 29, 2019, document request from the Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Committee on Education and Labor on the private school voucher program in the District of Columbia.¹ The Department's response is now more than three months overdue. We request that the Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education, Frank Brogan, whose office is responsible for the private school voucher program, come to a meeting on August 7, 2019, to address the Department's failure to respond.

The requested documents were due on April 11, 2019. Over the last three and a half months, our staff have followed up repeatedly to seek production, but the Department has not complied. For example, on April 26, 2019, Department staff stated on a call that documents would be produced on May 17, 2019. The Department produced no documents on that date. Department staff said on another call that the documents would be produced the following week, on May 24, 2019. The Department missed that deadline as well. Committee staff have followed up repeatedly since then, but the Department has provided no documents and no schedule for production.

This continued delay and non-compliance is unacceptable. Please contact Oversight Committee staff by August 2, 2019, to confirm Mr. Brogan's attendance on August 7, 2019.

¹ Letter from Chairman Elijah E. Cummings, Committee on Oversight and Reform, Chairman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, Committee on Education and Labor, and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton to Secretary Betsy DeVos, Department of Education (Mar. 29, 2019) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/documents/2019-03-29.EEC%20Scott%20Norton%20to%20DeVos-DoEd%20re%20SOAR%20Act.pdf>).

Sincerely,



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Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Reform



Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
Chairman
Committee on Education and Labor



Eleanor Holmes Norton
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Reform

The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Ranking Member
Committee on Education and Labor