UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

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Maya Weinstein National Student Legal Defense Network 1015 15th St. NW Suite 600 Washington, 20005

RE: FOIA Request No. 21-01957-F

Dear Maya Weinstein:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated June 22, 2021 and received in this office on June 23, 2021. Your request was forwarded to Federal Student Aid (FSA) to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following: Dear Colleague Letter CB-98-13, which was published on September 1, 1998, along with all attachments to the letter.

FSA provided the following websites as responsive to your request:

Dear Colleague Letter CB-98-13: <u>https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-</u> center/library/dear-colleague-letters/1998-10-08/cb-98-13-letter-provides-informationconcerning-assignment-defaulted-federal-perkins-loans-and-national-direct-or-defensestudent-loans-ndsls-us-department-education-ed-collection

Attachment A: <u>https://fsapartners.ed.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/2021-</u> <u>07/doc0358_enclosure.htm</u> (We could only find the htm file; the PDF noted at top was a duplicate of the htm file in PDF format.)

Attachment B: https://fsapartners.ed.gov/sites/default/files/2021-07/cb98-13aex1.pdf

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover the costs pertaining to your request. The Department has concluded that you fall within the category of Other. However, the Department has provided you with this information at no charge. The Department's release of this information at no cost does not constitute the grant of a fee waiver and does not infer or imply that you will be granted a fee waiver for future requests made under FOIA to the Department. Because we were able to locate and process these documents at minimal costs, they are provided to you at no cost.

You have the right to seek further assistance from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, Robert Wehausen. The Department's FOIA Public Liaison can be reached by email at <u>robert.wehausen@ed.gov</u>; by phone at 202-205-0733; by fax at 202-401-0920; or by mail at Office of the Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, 7C132, Washington, DC 20202-4500, Attn: FOIA Public Liaison.

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If you have any questions, please contact the FSC at (202) 401-8365 or <u>EDFOIAMANAGER@ed.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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