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FROM: Peter McPherson, President, APLU

DATE: January 31, 2019

RE: Submitted comments for Title IX Proposed Rulemaking

Thank you all for your engagement with APLU over the last several months on the Title IX Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The Department of Education’s (ED) comment deadline has now passed. ED received more than 100,000 comments, including many from APLU members and a group letter from higher education associations that APLU helped develop and signed.

Your feedback throughout this process has been essential to the development of the higher education community’s response. APLU worked diligently as part of a working group that included the six presidential higher education associations and campus experts from diverse institutions. We were pleased to ensure a number of APLU members had a seat at the working group table.

The deep involvement of APLU members greatly strengthened the final product. APLU worked hard to include a lot of the feedback you shared with us throughout the process.

The Department now has the very challenging task of reviewing more than 100,000 comments and responding to relevant, substantive comments as required by the Administrative Procedures Act.

We expect there are likely organizations preparing to litigate over a final rule ED will ultimately attempt to promulgate.

Thank you again for your invaluable guidance and engagement.

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