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The Honorable Bill Cassidy, Chair  
United States Senate Committee on Health,  
Education, Labor and Pensions  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cassidy and members of the full Committee:

We the undersigned organizations, on behalf of the millions of Americans we represent, write to express our strong endorsement of Linda McMahon for the position of Secretary at the U.S. Department of Education. Our collective organizations believe the Department desperately needs a complete overhaul after years of incompetence, hyper-partisanship, and a purposeful anti-Christian agenda. We wholeheartedly endorse her nomination and hope you come to the same conclusion we have: that she is the best hope for reshaping America's education system.

First and foremost, Linda McMahon has a strong background and the necessary qualifications to lead and improve the Department of Education. She has education experience, having spent two years on Connecticut's state Board of Education and 16 years as a member of the Board of Trustees for Sacred Heart University. She also has government experience — successfully leading the Small Business Administration during Trump's previous term. And she has policy chops, serving as Chair of the Board at the America First Policy Institute and as Co-Chair of the Trump-Vance transition team.

All that experience will serve her well at the Department of Education, which has gone off the rails under the Democrats' rule. The Biden-Harris administration has used the Department of Education not to educate America's children — who are steadily falling behind — but instead to push their radical cultural agenda on America's kids and to punish anyone who dares stand in their way. Kids today are taught to hate their country, divide themselves by race, and embrace a pervasive gender ideology.

The Department's abuse in the higher education sector is just as rampant, where the Biden administration decided to wage war against Christian universities, career colleges, and trade schools. This crusade has a dual purpose: to protect the higher education cartel against competition, and to persecute any Christian institution that dares to stand for biblical teaching and against cultural marxism. This crusade has been led by the Office of Enforcement — an

obscure division of the Federal Student Aid (FSA) Office created with the tacit purpose of targeting schools and programs that the Department of Education disfavors.

In fact, a recent analysis from the American Principles Project calculates nearly 70 percent of the penalties imposed by the Office of Enforcement have been against Christian and career-oriented schools, even though these programs represent fewer than 10 percent of college students.

For years, the Office put faith-based institutions and the Christian students they serve in the crosshairs.

We cannot stress enough the importance of protecting these valuable institutions. Christian colleges serve not only as educational bodies but also as communities where biblical values are upheld and explored in depth. They also serve as a bulwark against increasing anti-American, anti-Christian, and anti-semitic sentiment within the culture — we're certainly not seeing Hamas terrorism apologists intimidating their fellow students at these schools! There's a reason why woke ideologues at USED have made Christian colleges a target. They understand that schools like Ashland University, Grand Canyon University, and Liberty University are critical to our defense of constitutional principles and the American way of life.

We are confident that once confirmed to the position, she will end the Department's weaponization towards certain colleges, promote education choice, and bring back common sense. Linda McMahon has never backed down from a challenge, and we know she will fight for all of America's students. We thank the Committee for considering our views and urge that she be confirmed in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

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