

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 23, 2016

The Honorable John B. King, Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Secretary King,

Last week, Hennepin County District Judge James Moore ruled that the Minnesota School of Business and Globe University violated two state laws, the Consumer Fraud Act and the Deceptive Trade Practices Act in the recruitment of students for their Criminal Justice programs. Following the ruling, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education took steps toward closing both schools by revoking the companies' authorization to operate in the state. The Minnesota office of Higher Education anticipates that the institutions will be able to operate for approximately one year to teach-out currently enrolled students.

Congress has provided the Department of Education with a number of tools to help protect student loan borrowers, such as the ability to discharge student loan debt when their academic institutions engage in fraudulent activities.

The lawsuit in the case of the Minnesota School of Business and Globe University represents a viable case for borrower defense for past and present students at these institutions. According to the court ruling, the school misrepresented its employment opportunities available to students, used fraudulent recruitment tactics, misled the students regarding their ability to transfer credits, and failed to prepare students for jobs in their fields of study.

We urge the Department to take immediate action to inform past and present students of their rights under borrower defense to repayment. We request your prompt attention to this matter, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



AL FRANKEN
United States Senator



AMY KLOBUCHAR
United States Senator