

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 9, 2016

The Honorable Ted Mitchell  
Under Secretary  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave, SW  
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Under Secretary Mitchell,

Earlier this week, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) denied applications for recertification submitted by Globe University (Globe) and Minnesota School of Business (MSB). As a result, Globe and MSB will no longer be eligible to participate in the federal funding programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) after December 31, 2016. We applaud the Department's commitment to holding institutions accountable for fraudulent actions which are harmful to their students and ask that the Department act with similar urgency to ensure debt relief for those students who have been impacted by this fraud.

In letters sent to Globe and MSB on December 6, 2016 the Department outlines its rationale for revoking both institutions' access to Title IV funds. The Department cited a September 8, 2016 ruling from Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District finding that Globe and MSB engaged in consumer fraud and deceptive trade practices by misrepresenting the job opportunities available to their criminal justice graduates. The Department's decision also notes that misrepresentations impacted more than just criminal justice students. The Department found that, as far back as 2007, Globe and MSB made numerous misrepresentations about the ability of students to transfer credits. The Department stated that these misrepresentations affected current and prospective students in a variety of programs, including health sciences, paralegal, accounting, business and massage therapy.

In light of the Department's own findings, we ask that you qualify all students who attended Globe and MSB during the period when misrepresentations were made for borrower defense to repayment. We urge you to work quickly to address their cases and provide these current and former students with the relief to which they are entitled. In addition to qualifying them for borrower defense, we ask that you notify all current and past Globe and MSB students, enrolled since 2007, of their eligibility for borrower defense, their rights under these regulations, and all other options that are available to them for relief from their federal loan debt.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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United States Senator