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Washington, D.C. 20202

RE: OCR Case Number 07268901

Dear Assistant Secretary Richey,

My office is in receipt of your letter dated February 13, 2026, to the Louisiana Board of Regents concerning its Master Plan, in which the Office for Civil Rights informed the Board of Regents of its initiation of an investigation, "to determine whether the Board discriminates against white and Asian students in recruitment and enrollment through the objectives set forth in its Master Plan for Higher Education."

Please know that my administration is fully committed to ensuring that our state is in compliance with all federal laws and policies, including those recently enacted by President Trump. Harmful diversity, equity, and inclusion policies have no place in Louisiana, and we welcome efforts to root out remnants of that practice in our state. From the time I took office, it has been my position to abolish all diversity, equity, and inclusion positions, as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion performance requirements for state employees, boards, and commissions. As Governor, I will not tolerate any policy that discriminates against students on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

In an effort to be fully open and transparent in our efforts to end practices harmful to Louisiana citizens, I ask that you expand your investigation to every institution of higher education in Louisiana. It is vital to discover if any institution in this state is engaged in practices contrary to federal law and policies. My administration stands ready to assist you in any way possible to ensure all Louisiana citizens have access to higher education, in accordance with all applicable laws and policies.

Please let me know how I may assist you in your endeavor.

For Louisiana,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Landry".

Jeff Landry
Governor