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President John J. DeGioia
Rosemary Kilkenny, Esq.
Dr. Todd Olson
Lisa Brown, Esq.
Dr. Vince WinklerPrins

Dear President DeGioia, Ms. Kilkenny, Dr. Olson, Ms. Brown, and Dr. WinklerPrins,

This morning, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos released new proposed Title IX rules that will place an undue burden on survivors and discourage survivors from coming forward. These proposed rules contain a number of provisions that roll back survivors' rights and would make students across the country less safe. In particular, we find incredibly alarming the rule's redefinition of sexual harassment that only includes the most egregious acts, repeated abuse, and/or abuse by a university employee. This provision tells many survivors that their experience does not matter or is not serious enough to report. The new rules also allow for the cross examination of survivors by their perpetrators through a third-party, a traumatizing process which will discourage survivors from engaging with the already inaccessible Title IX process. Additionally, the proposed rules remove responsibility from schools for any incident of sexual violence or misconduct occurring off-campus, even though what happens off-campus directly impacts on-campus life. Finally, these rules also allow schools to raise the burden of proof for Title IX cases, use mediation to settle complaints, and remove important time restrictions to ensure schools respond in a timely manner. As a whole, these rules are shameful attacks on hard-won protections for survivors and make the Title IX process less fair for all parties involved.

When Betsy DeVos rescinded the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter and the 2014 Guidance in September 2017, the University released a statement reaffirming the University's "longstanding commitment to eradicating all forms of sexual misconduct" and "prompt and equitable" processes for its students. The University cannot consider adopting these changes and credibly maintain their commitment to equity and supporting survivors. Far from encouraging equity, these changes fundamentally shift the balance of power in favor of perpetrators of sexual assault and will discourage survivors from engaging with Title IX and significantly limit their options for achieving justice.

Therefore, the University must:

1. Send a broadcast message to the entire student body explaining exactly which Title IX practices will or will not change at Georgetown as a result of this new rulemaking. Even if these changes will not be immediately adopted or adopted only partially, it is essential that students understand exactly where the University stands in regard to each and every one of these changes.
2. Host a town hall, announced within that broadcast message, where students can ask administrators with decision-making power how these changes would impact our community. A majority of those to whom this letter is addressed should be in attendance. This town hall should be held before the 60-day notice and comment period ends.

3. Submit an official Comment to the Department of Education strongly denouncing these rules as fundamentally incompatible with our Jesuit values and as wrong for our community and country. The University should share this Comment publicly.

4. Publicly call upon fellow Catholic and Jesuit institutions to similarly oppose these rules and make clear that our Jesuit identity strengthens, not weakens, our commitment to supporting survivors.

Transparency regarding these policy changes will be essential, especially given the University's continuing failure to directly and publicly inform the Georgetown community of the resignation of former Title IX Coordinator Laura Cutway last June, over six months ago. Students must understand the situation into which they are entering when they approach the Title IX Office, which includes in equal measure the capacity of Title IX staff to adequately address their needs as well as the processes which are available to them.

Given the time-sensitive nature of this issue, we expect a public response to these requests before Monday, November 26.

Signed,

Students Taking Action against Interpersonal Violence (STAIIV)

Students Taking Action against Interpersonal Violence (STAIIV) is a group founded in response to the prevalence of rape culture at Georgetown, institutional response to students interacting with Title IX, and the widespread occurrence of interpersonal violence and sexual assault on our campus. We aim to hold the university accountable to its legal and ethical obligations of protection and care for all students. We are committed to supporting, elevating the voices of, and advocating for survivors of all identities, both at Georgetown and outside the boundaries of our campus.

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