

**Questions for the Record from
REPRESENTATIVE BOB GOOD**

Full Committee Hearing:

Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Department of Education”

May 16, 2023

10:15 a.m.

Representative Bob Good (R-VA)

1. With such patent violations of Title IX by Loudoun County in 2021, the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights failed to open a Title IX investigation until April 5, 2023, nearly two years after the first sexual assault. As you know, under 34 CFR 100.7(a) and (c) and sections 401 and 402 of the Office for Civil Rights Case Processing Manual, the Department has full authority to launch a directed investigation or compliance review on its own initiative, without the necessity of the filing of a complaint by a student or parent or anyone else. Additionally, I sent you a letter along with other Virginia representatives in October 2021 asking you to investigate the assaults.
 - a) Why did the Department of Education wait nearly two years before launching an investigation?
 - b) Will you release publicly all documents related to the decision to wait that long?
2. After the first assault in 2021—which took place when a boy in a skirt entered the girls bathroom—the Loudoun County School Board approved a policy that allows students to use locker rooms and bathrooms corresponding to gender identity. Your department currently interprets Title IX to include gender identity.
 - a) How would you explain this interpretation of Title IX to the parents of these high school girls who were assaulted?
 - b) Under the Department’s interpretation of Title IX, are female students like these two girls in Loudoun County required to accept any male in their locker rooms or restrooms?
 - c) What protections have you put in place to make sure something like the Loudoun County sexual assaults never happen again?
3. In the Committee hearing, you indicated that the Department would be willing to open an investigation into the threats and intimidation by the “Loudoun Love Warriors” against concerned parents in Loudoun County.
 - a) When do you expect the Department to begin investigating?