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Dr. Andrew Gillen
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Dear Dr. Gillen:

Thank you again for testifying at the September 16, 2025, Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development hearing titled "No More Surprises: Reforming College Pricing for Students and Families." Enclosed are additional questions submitted by Subcommittee members following the hearing. Please provide a written response no later than October 29, 2025, for inclusion in the hearing record. Responses should be sent to Isaiah Knox (isaiah.knox@mail.house.gov) of the Committee staff; he can also be contacted at (202) 226-9418.

We appreciate your contribution to the work of the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. Owens", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Burgess Owens
Chairman
Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development

Representative Elise Stefanik (R-NY)

1. What is the average number of courses per semester that tenured professors teach at large research universities, and do you believe this low instructional output justifies the salaries and tuition costs being charged?
2. Why do you think college tuition has risen at over two times the rate of inflation in the past two decades? What specific reforms do you propose to reverse this unsustainable trend?
3. Isn't it true that many colleges are effectively using federal student aid as a blank check with no performance metrics, accountability, or regard for the long-term debt burden placed on students?