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Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Department of Education v. Career Colleges and Schools of Texas,
No. 24-413

Dear Mr. Harris:

The above-captioned case concerns the Department of Education's authority under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq., to issue a rule permitting borrowers of federal student loans to assert defenses to their federal repayment obligations in administrative proceedings, before default, and on a group basis.

On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Pub. L. No. 119-21. Section 85001 of that Act states that the borrower-defense provisions of the rule at issue in this case "shall not be in effect" for loans that originate before July 1, 2035, and provides that the regulations that were in effect on July 1, 2020, are restored. Because that intervening legislation bears on the issues in this case, petitioners intend to dismiss this case under Rule 46.

Sincerely,

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