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Dear Dr. Granados:

Thank you for your recent comments regarding the information collection package for the Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program regulations. You requested that Federal Student Aid consider broadening a current category of psychology programs to allow additional students to be eligible for the higher aggregate loan limits that were made available after the HEAL programs were eliminated.

As you know, the programs that were included in the eligibility for the higher Direct Unsubsidized Loan limit was based on the programs that were eligible to receive HEAL loans before the program was eliminated. FSA has not expanded that academic determination. And that type of expansion is beyond the scope of this information collection.

I will be forwarding your concerns regarding the current eligibility of clinical psychology programs to be eligible for the expanded borrowing but that counseling or school psychology programs are not eligible for the expanded borrowing to the appropriate office at the Department of Education for review.

Thank you for your time and service to students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Grebeldinger".

Beth Grebeldinger
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