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Mr. Harold Huggins
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Dear Mr. Huggins:

Thank you for your recent suggestion regarding the Experimental Sites Data Collection Instrument, Docket ED-2016-ICCD-0064. Federal Student Aid (FSA) appreciates your time and has the following response to your request to expand the data collection included in the experiment reporting tool.

This information request is for the continuation of an ongoing data collection effort for an Experimental Site Initiative that did not previously collect information on race. The current data collection instrument asks schools to disaggregate their reports of the amount of aid disbursed and postsecondary outcomes by the reason the school targeted borrowers for a reduction in loan eligibility, undergraduate vs. graduate status, dependent vs. independent status, and year in school.

Adding a dimension for race to these matrices would multiply the burden of reporting on schools by the number of racial categories represented in the "reason for reduction" groups and, more importantly, FSA did not collect any information concerning the race of students when implementing the experiment. FSA has no way to estimate the impact of the experiment on members of different racial groups even if we disaggregate future data collection efforts for this experiment. No changes are being made to the instrument.

Again, thank you for taking the time to review this information collection package.

Sincerely,

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

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