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Subject: Comment on 2025-2026 and 2027-2028 CRDC Information Collection Request

Dear Office for Civil Rights,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed 2025-2026 and 2027-2028 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC). While the importance of gathering and analyzing this data is unquestionable, I am deeply concerned about the additional burden it places on local education agencies (LEAs).

Much of the data being requested is already accessible through state agencies and organizations such as the College Board. Requiring districts to duplicate these efforts not only strains already limited resources but also diverts their focus from their core mission—serving students. With state funding already stretched thin and existing data submission requirements for state-level reporting, this additional responsibility places further pressure on LEAs.

I strongly encourage the Office for Civil Rights to consider leveraging existing state and national data sources to collect this information. This approach would reduce the burden on districts while ensuring data integrity. By doing so, OCR can help districts better direct their resources toward improving student outcomes rather than managing redundant reporting tasks. Thank you for your attention to this matter and your ongoing commitment to promoting equitable education.

Sincerely,

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