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Statement on Release of Program-Level Earnings Data for Career Education Programs

“Everyone agrees that students need clear and accurate information when deciding where to enroll in higher education. This is particularly true when the decision requires taking on student debt and spending taxpayer dollars.

“The data [released](#) today show the typical earnings for graduates of career education programs at public, for-profit, and nonprofit colleges. This is critical information for students deciding where to enroll. The data show huge variation in earnings among programs at the same school and for the same program offered at different schools. This underscores that it matters tremendously where students go for career education and what they study.

“These data are the result of the gainful employment [regulation](#) finalized in 2014, which gives students clear information about career education program costs and outcomes, and ends taxpayer funding for programs that consistently leave their graduates with debts they can’t repay. This common-sense regulation protects both students and taxpayers.

“President-Elect Trump has promised to send special moneyed interests packing and to run the government for working people. Being serious about this promise means supporting and fully implementing the gainful employment rule to protect students and taxpayers.”

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