



STATEMENT OF LAUREN ASHER
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**STATEMENT ON THE PRESIDENT’S NOMINATION OF JOHN KING JR.
FOR SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**

“We applaud the President’s nomination of John B. King Jr. as the U.S. Secretary of Education. Acting Secretary King is committed to improving college access, affordability, and completion. His career as a leader and educator has focused on the need to ensure every student has access to a high-quality education. It is important for the Education Department to have a Senate-confirmed leader overseeing its important work, including implementing a simplified FAFSA process, providing relief to defrauded borrowers, and improving the quality of loan servicing. We urge the Senate to act promptly on his nomination.”

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