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Molly Corbett Broad
President
American Council on Education
One Dupont Circle NW
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Dear Ms. Broad:

On May 12, 2014, I wrote to you to request that the American Council on Education (ACE) provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and any other materials that were presented during your webinar on how to complete my campus sexual violence survey, as well as the list of institutions that participated. You responded on May 16, 2014 refusing that request.

In declining my request, you stated that your member institutions “have every reason to expect that ACE will respect their confidentiality, and we are honor-bound not to provide the names of the colleges and universities that participated in the webinar. For the same reasons, we also cannot release the presentation materials used during the webinar.” While I appreciate your commitment to your members’ confidentiality, I question how that commitment would prevent you from providing the presentation materials used during the webinar.

I therefore renew my request that you provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and any other materials used during the webinar. If ACE continues to refuse to comply with my request, I request that you provide a written response containing ACE’s legal justification for refusing to provide a Subcommittee of the United States Senate with information necessary to carry out its constitutional responsibilities.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 64 (113th Congress).

Please contact Cathy Yu with the Subcommittee at (202) 224-9383 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
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cc: Ron Johnson
Ranking Member
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