

"I believe the Department of Education took the right step in issuing a rule that holds these schools accountable for delivering on their education and career promises. Under the rule, colleges that fail to demonstrate their programs are preparing students for "gainful employment" would risk losing their eligibility to participate in federal education grant and loan programs. This rule is not nearly as strong as it could be, but is a long-overdue and important step in protecting students and taxpayers from unscrupulous career-education programs. While the rule does not include many important protections urged by civil rights, student, women's, labor and consumer organizations, it sends a strong message to many for-profit programs to start putting students first. Its focus has been narrowed to those programs that, after four years, still fall far short of delivering a quality education."