



Attorney General XXXXXXXX,

I am writing to you on behalf of Generation Progress (GP); the Higher Ed, Not Debt (HEND) campaign; and the thousands of students who have been defrauded by for-profit colleges and programs across the country.

The for-profit college industry has long been impugned for using unscrupulous recruiting practices, providing low-quality education, embellishing employment prospects, and ripping off thousands of students in the process. HEND has been fighting for students ripped off by for-profit colleges like ITT Technical Institute, the University of Phoenix, Corinthian Colleges, the Art Institutes, and more, for the last two years as part of our Selling out Students campaign. Generation Progress and Higher Ed, Not Debt have long worked to hold for-profit schools across the country accountable for the promises they make and then break to students.

Trump University, like countless other for-profit colleges before it, executed some of the worst practices in the industry to lure vulnerable students into its program through a calculated veneer of prestige and success. To be sure, the Trump University brand merely borrowed from other for-profit colleges, following a proven pattern of fraud pioneered by the likes of ITT Tech, Corinthian Colleges, and others. Trump University students left the program dissatisfied and defrauded. To be clear, this characteristic is not unique to Trump U; students who attended for-profit institutions across the country continue to report deceptive practices throughout the industry. Just as Trump University has faced legal action, people in America who have attended institutions across the country that mislead and coerce students deserve justice.

We are asking for your help in ensuring that this cannot continue to happen and that students injured by unscrupulous for-profit programs across the state are made whole. Generation Progress and Higher Ed, Not Debt have recently launched a petition calling on state attorneys general and federal agencies to hold for-profit colleges accountable for continually misleading students without consequence. The petition has yielded more than 600 signatures and continues to grow.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you for students.

Sincerely,

The Higher Ed, Not Debt Campaign
Generation Progress
Hundreds of Student Loan Borrowers