



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

September 15, 2023

Dr. Darryll J. Pines, President
University of Maryland
1101 Main Administration Building
7901 Regents Dr.
College Park, MD 20742

Via Electronic Mail

Re: Conclusion of 20 U.S.C. § 1011f Investigation (University of Maryland)

Dear President Pines:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Department of Education (Department) has completed its investigation of the University of Maryland's (UMD's) compliance with Section 117 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Section 117). The Department opened this investigation on January 15, 2021 to determine whether UMD is in compliance with Section 117, which requires institutions of higher education (IHEs) to report statutorily defined gifts, contracts, and/or restricted and conditional gifts or contracts from or with a statutorily defined foreign source(s) to the Department. Based on the Department's review of UMD's submissions, its review of statutorily required disclosure reports and UMD's attestation (Enclosure 1), we are pleased to notify you that, as of the date of this letter, this investigation is closed.

We appreciate the collaborative and responsive way in which UMD worked with the Department throughout this investigation. We encourage UMD to continue to work efficiently and diligently to comply with Section 117.

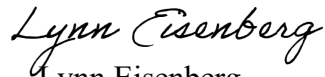
Please contact the Department if you have any questions about Section 117 compliance. We are committed to helping institutions understand and comply with their obligations and would be

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pleased to provide any assistance that you might seek in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Eisenberg".

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**ATTESTATION
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**U.S. Department of Education's Investigation to Determine Whether the University of Maryland is
in Compliance with Section 117 of the Higher Education Act of 1965**

I, Jennifer King Rice, Senior Vice President and Provost, University of Maryland College Park (UMD), hereby attest, under penalty of perjury, that all of the representations below are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. With respect to the investigation initiated on September 26, 2019, by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) into compliance by UMD with Section 117 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. § 1011f) (Section 117), UMD has conducted a reasonable and diligent search for and produced documents and information responsive to the Department's requests during the course of the investigation, all as described in UMD's production letters and communications to the Department. UMD has produced documents and cooperated with the Department's investigation in good faith.
2. UMD has submitted additional or revised Section 117 disclosure reports to correct for known errors and omissions for periods from January 1, 2014, to the present and is current in the submission of its Section 117 disclosure reports through the most recent reporting deadline of July 31, 2023.
3. UMD has written procedures and systems in place designed to address and achieve compliance with Section 117 requirements. UMD will review its policies and procedures on a consistent basis and make revisions as necessary to comply with Section 117 requirements.
4. UMD has not knowingly or willfully failed to comply with the requirements of Section 117.
5. If I did not have personal responsibility for particular information addressed in this Attestation, I have discussed it with appropriate officials within UMD who have responsibility for this information, and they have confirmed that the information is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Executed on this 12 day of September 2023.

Jennifer King Rice
Senior Vice President & Provost