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DURBIN CALLS OUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR INCLUDING OTHER FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES UNDER INVESTIGATION AS “VIALE” TRANSFER OPTIONS FOR CORINTHIAN STUDENTS

Durbin set to meet with Secretary Duncan on Thursday in Washington

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] – U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) today called out the Department of Education for suggesting students that have been harmed by the collapse of Corinthian Colleges, Inc. transfer to other for-profit companies – including Westwood College, ITT Tech, Education Management Corporation’s The Arts Institutes and Argosy, and Career Education Corporation’s Le Cordon Bleu and International Academy of Design and Technology – that are under investigation by multiple federal and state agencies.

Video of Senator Durbin’s statement can be access [HERE](#).

“Has the Department of Education learned nothing? How in good faith can they tell these Corinthian students – who just had their college disappear and are sitting on a pile of debt – that these are viable transfer options for their students?” Durbin asked. “A move like this leads me to the sad conclusion that the Department of Education is out of touch with reality.”

The Department of Education has published transfer options for students at the 28 Corinthian campuses that closed yesterday. However, the Department of Education has failed to warn students up-front that if these students use their Corinthian credits to transfer to another institution they will most likely not be eligible to discharge their Corinthian debt and may have to pay back their discharged loans if they transfer after receiving a discharge.

“Why hasn’t the U.S. Department of Education blown the whistle on Corinthian and every other school that’s exploiting students?” Durbin continued. “At the end of the day, the losers are not only the students who have wasted their time and end up with debt, but also the taxpayers of America. I call on the Department of Education to put as their highest priority the casualties and victims of Corinthian Colleges, Inc.”