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Dear Ms. Valentine,

On behalf of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a coalition charged by its diverse membership of more than 230 national organizations to promote and protect the civil and human rights of all persons in the United States, we write in response to the notice published in the Federal Register on September 30, 2022, regarding a proposed Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) Information Collection Request (ICR) for the 2021-22 and 2023-24 school years.

We appreciate that the U.S. Department of Education accepted some of the recommendations that we, along with 38 civil rights and education organizations, submitted in response to the notice published in the Federal Register on December 13, 2021. These data are integral to protecting students and ensuring that their civil rights are upheld. In response to the recently published draft survey, we would like to reinforce the need for additional changes, and hope that they will be considered as this process moves forward.

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As an organization committed to the fair and appropriate treatment of all children in all settings, we continue to press for changes to policy and practice — and for the critical data that make systemic change possible. A comprehensive, timely, and accessible CRDC is essential to ensuring equal educational opportunity and compliance with non-discrimination laws. Our children deserve no less. Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Steven Almazán, K-12 education senior program manager at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, at almazan@civilrights.org.

Sincerely,

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
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