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As a financial aid officer with more than 35 years of experience, I would like to add my voice to the call for delays in reporting deadlines beyond October 1, 2024.

In this exceptional year when there are still unresolved issues with the FAFSA nearly nine months after it should have been finalized, and when the institutional corrections process has still yet to be opened, institutions need more time to comply with these reporting requirements. While ED has indicated it has resolved the systemic issues with the FAFSA and that only isolated issues remain, financial aid offices continue to pick up the pieces of this year's broken FAFSA. The culmination of the FAFSA delays and errors has put financial aid offices months behind where they usually are this time of year. In many cases, institutions have yet to begin making financial aid offers to returning students or to originate federal Pell Grants and Direct Loans in the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) system, which in a typical cycle they may have already finished by this date. To allow institutions to focus on ensuring this year's FAFSA rollout issues do not further harm students, I am asking ED to delay the institutional reporting requirements until July, 2025.

This would not impact any public reporting of results since first results are not meant to be shared with the public until 2026.