

CECU Condemns Latest Attempt to Save Gainful Employment

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Career Education Colleges and Universities condemned the latest assault on postsecondary career education ([H.R. 4206](#)) by Representatives Takano and Shalala. “They have the right title for a legislative goal (“Student and Taxpayer Protection Act”), but their proposal totally misses the mark,” said Steve Gunderson, President. “If you want to protect all students and all taxpayers you will establish a common set of outcome metrics for all programs at all schools; and then you will mandate universal transparency.”

“The Gainful Employment Rule was nothing more than an ideological attack on one sector of higher education during the Obama Administration. I thought we had moved beyond such narrow, ideological hostility,” he continued. “We are not going to rehash all the problems with the Gainful Employment Rule. Study after study has shown how public and private non-profit schools would have failed the GE metrics. Let’s try to find common ground in ways that enable all sectors of higher education to move forward with a commitment to universal standards for program performance.”