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Dear Ms. McKinney:

I am responding to your April 30, 2007, letter to the Attorney General's Office regarding Court Reporting Institute and vocational schools and student loans, in general. Since primary regulatory authority for vocational schools is the jurisdiction of the Washington State Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB), I spoke to that agency. I was told that \$500,000.00 in refunds has been paid from the Tuition Recovery Trust Fund to CRI students who filed complaints, including you. Other former students who did not file a complaint or receive a refund are eligible to petition the government to forgive their student loans and should contact WTECB for information on that process.

The Attorney General does not have authority to initiate a criminal case without a request from the county prosecuting attorney. The King County Prosecuting Attorney's fraud division is capable of reviewing the CRI matter and determining whether the facts support criminal charges being brought against any individuals. For that reason, the Attorney General's Office will not investigate Alen Janisch or the school for criminal violations.

You pose a larger issue of vocational schools that are forced to close or go out of business and their students who are left with outstanding student loans. The Tuition Recovery Trust Fund, administered by the WTECB, provides students with a safety net when vocational schools close. Problems in the student loan industry are a nationwide

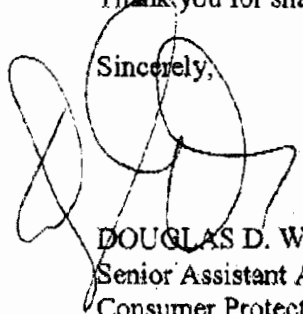
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issue that is not confined to Washington State. My office is participating in a multi-state review to learn more about problems and challenges, especially with regard to conflict of interest, so that solutions can eventually be implemented.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with the Attorney General's Office.

Sincerely,



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