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**Washington, D.C.** - The Veterans Education Project (VEP) has formally called on Secretary of Education Linda McMahon to amend the Department of Education's Final Rule on the 90/10 calculation to ensure alignment with Congressional intent.

In a letter sent to Secretary McMahon, VEP expressed concern over preamble language in the Final Rule that excludes revenue from online and hybrid non-Title IV programs from being included in the 90/10 formula. This addition, VEP argues, exceeds the statutory authority granted by Congress through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and undermines bipartisan agreements reached during the negotiated rulemaking process.

The Department's decision to exclude online and hybrid programs from the calculation goes beyond ARPA's mandate, negatively impacting distance education programs that many veteran students rely on. Distance education programs provide critical access to education for both veterans and service members, and the Final Rule's preamble language jeopardizes these opportunities.

VEP supports thoughtful and balanced regulations to protect veteran students and ensure accountability within the postsecondary education sector. VEP is urging the Department to amend the extraneous preamble language and restore the bipartisan, broad-based agreement that protects veteran and military students while preserving their access to high-quality educational programs.

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