

# EXHIBIT 86



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, REGION I

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Harvard University  
Massachusetts Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

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Re: Complaint No. 01-11-2078

Dear President Faust:

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is closing the above-referenced complaint filed against Harvard University (University) alleging discrimination on the basis of national origin.

By emailed dated February 10, 2012, the Complainants informed OCR that they were withdrawing their complaint. Based on their decision to withdraw the complaint, OCR will take no further action and we are closing this complaint effective the date of this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Civil Rights Investigator, Linda Huynh by telephone at (617) 289-0013, or by email at: [Linda.Huynh@ed.gov](mailto:Linda.Huynh@ed.gov), or Senior Civil Rights Attorney, Nicole Merhill, by telephone at (617) 289-0040, or by email at: [Nicole.Merhill@ed.gov](mailto:Nicole.Merhill@ed.gov). You may also contact me directly at (617) 289-0120.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen L. Kropp".

Allen L. Kropp  
Acting Team Leader

cc: Heather Quay, Esq.