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The President knows he cannot unilaterally dismantle the U.S. Department of Education through executive order, however this reckless action is part of a deeply troubling agenda to dismantle public education through cuts and chaos. By slashing funding, stripping oversight, and creating disorder, this administration is deliberately undermining students' ability to access and complete higher education. The consequences will be devastating — especially for low-income students, first-generation college-goers, and communities historically marginalized in education.

AAUW calls on Congress to reject this cynical attack on the U.S. Department of Education and to uphold its essential mission: ensuring that every student, regardless of background, has access to a high-quality education.

This is not just an attack on an agency — it is an attack on our students, our economy, and the fundamental promise of equal opportunity. AAUW will not stand idly by as education is placed on the chopping block. We urge students, parents, educators, and advocates across the country to make their voices heard and demand that Congress protect the future of education in America.