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CERPP Statement on Supreme Court's Decision on Race-Conscious Admissions

The Supreme Court has erred in their conclusion to turn back race-conscious admissions. However, we urge institutions not to over-react to the decision. We are weeks and months from understanding the impact of their decision and the amount of leeway that institutions will be provided in pursuing diversity, equity and inclusion goals.

More information and guidance will be forthcoming. For example, the Department of Education and Department of Justice has promised that they will provide colleges and universities with resources to determine what admissions practices are and are not lawful.

In the meantime, we call upon the higher education community to redouble its commitment to diversity and inclusion legally and aggressively. The educational benefits of diversity are real and of critical importance to the nation.

As Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson wrote in her dissenting opinion: "The only way out of this morass—for all of us—is to stare at racial disparity unblinkingly, and then do what evidence and experts tell us is required to level the playing field and march forward together, collectively striving to achieve true equality for all Americans."

Please keep posted as CERPP will continue to provide resources in this march together, including research and programming, towards greater educational opportunity and equity.

