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To the MIT community:

On Friday, November 16, 2018, the Department of Education (DOE) released proposed new regulations governing how the DOE will hold colleges and universities accountable in responding to complaints of sexual harassment (including sexual assault) under Title IX. The public has 60 days starting on November 29th, 2018 to [provide comments](#) on these draft regulations. The DOE will then review the public comments, make any changes, and then issue final regulations. This process will take several months.

The proposed regulations are available [here](#). Additionally, the American Council on Education has compiled a helpful resources page about the draft regulations [here](#).

I and other community members involved in the Title IX process are reviewing the draft regulations so that we can make an informed determination about how these changes, if adopted, could affect our current policies and practices and any next steps we should take.

As the rule-making process moves forward, our top priority will continue to be creating and fostering a safe, respectful, and welcoming campus climate – one that is free of sexual harassment and assault. Our commitment to providing vital support resources to community members who need our help will not change. And we will continue to administer a fair, impartial, and transparent complaint-handling process to all parties involved in sexual misconduct cases.

I am happy to meet with any community member about this development. For anyone in need of immediate assistance, please contact VPR's 24-hour confidential hotline at 617-253-2300. More information about reporting an incident involving sexual harassment or assault can be found on the [Title IX website](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Rankin".

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