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Rep. Shankland Responds to Reversal of Rule on International Students

MADISON- Today, the Trump administration rescinded a rule announced earlier this month by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) for international students using F-1 and M-1 visas. The rule, if left in place, would have required students to either leave the country or transfer to a campus offering in-person courses if the campus where they are enrolled shifts to online instruction only, even due to a COVID-19 outbreak.

Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) issued the following response:

“This rule would have had long-lasting negative impacts on students and campus communities, and I am relieved to see that it has been rescinded. International students are an integral part of campus life, local communities, and our state’s economy and culture, and we owe our students, as well as the institutions they attend, much better than the added hurdles and uncertainty this rule created.

“I am grateful that Attorney General Josh Kaul joined other states in opposition to this rule yesterday. Last week, I joined my Democratic colleagues on the Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee in asking our Congressional delegation to oppose it as well. This is a good day for Wisconsin.”

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