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Dear Stakeholder,

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is warning about [fake diploma sites](#) that sell worthless high school diplomas. These “diploma mills” claim their diplomas can be used to enroll in college, apply for a job, get a promotion or enlist in the military. Don’t believe them.

Here are signs of a high school diploma scam:

- **They want you to pay just for a diploma.** Real education programs may charge for classes or testing, but they usually do not charge just for a diploma.
- **You can earn the diploma from home immediately.** If you can earn the diploma without taking any classes or tests, it’s likely a scam.
- **They claim to be affiliated with the federal government. Individual states -- not the federal government -- regulate high school diploma programs.**

Want more information? Read the FTC’s [High School Diploma Scams](#) page. It will help you tell the difference between legitimate programs and diploma scams.

For information on how to recognize and avoid immigration scams, please visit uscis.gov/avoidscams.

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