

April 8, 2025

The Honorable Timothy Walberg  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Robert Scott  
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The Honorable Bernard Sanders  
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**Re: Preserving the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program**

We, the undersigned organizations, write to highlight the success and importance of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program and urge its preservation. Congress recognized the importance of recruiting and retaining highly-qualified public service professionals when it enacted PSLF with bipartisan support during the George W. Bush Administration. PSLF is a vital tool that strengthens our communities, fills critical workforce shortages, and ensures that public service remains an accessible and attainable career path. Accordingly, we strongly oppose actions to restrict eligibility or cut resources to PSLF given the strength, efficiency and importance of the program.

PSLF is a critical investment in our nation's public service workforce. It is a contract between public service professionals and the federal government: if you work in public service for 10 years and make 120 loan repayments, the remaining debt is forgiven. By ensuring student loan relief for those who work in public service for 10 years, PSLF strengthens America's schools, hospitals, law enforcement agencies, and military. Without PSLF, many public servants—especially those in rural and underserved areas—would be forced to leave public service for the private sector, where salaries are often higher.

Given the efficiency and strength of the program and its importance to communities across the country, the undersigned organizations strongly oppose actions to restrict eligibility or cut resources to PSLF which would limit its scope in a way that frustrates the benefits enacted by Congress and implemented since its inception 17 years ago. Doing so would result in fewer individuals pursuing careers that are integral to the health and well-being of our society and would deprive many Americans of the services they need in their schools, hospitals, courtrooms and neighborhoods.

Further, PSLF works because repayment plans are affordable and accessible. Income-driven repayment (IDR) allows public servants the ability to repay their student loans on a scale

adjusted to their income and continue to work in their communities. Without an affordable IDR plan, PSLF repayments would be prohibitively expensive for many of the program's participants, rendering it ineffective as a recruitment and retention tool.

PSLF works and millions of American taxpayers reap its benefits every day in communities nationwide. It is a proven investment in America's workforce that should be safeguarded to ensure communities across the country receive the critical services public service professionals provide. We urge you to honor this agreement and preserve affordable, accessible IDR plans(s) and the PSLF program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

PSLF Coalition  
AccessLex  
Equal Justice Works  
AASA, The School Superintendents Association  
Afterschool Alliance  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Atheists  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American Council on Education  
American Dental Association  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
AFT, AFL-CIO  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Psychological Association  
Americans United for Separation of Church and State  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC)  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions  
Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)  
Committee for Public Counsel Services  
Council of Administrators of Special Education  
Council of Graduate Schools  
Council for Social Work Education  
EDGE Consulting Partners  
Education Reform Now  
Educators for Excellence  
Fair Chance  
Financial Protection Law Center  
Forefront

Fosterus  
Independent Sector  
Institute for Advancing Computing Education (IACE)  
Just Futures  
Lawyers for Good Government  
MDC Inc.  
National Association of School Psychologists  
National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
National Black Justice Collective  
National Council of Nonprofits  
National Disability Rights Network  
National District Attorneys Association  
National Education Association  
National Legal Aid & Defender Association  
Native Ways Federation  
Navigate Student Loans  
Oregon Health and Science University  
Pay It Forward Fund LLC  
Public Service Promise  
Rhode Island Office of the Public Defender  
Service Year Alliance  
Student Borrower Protection Center  
Student Veterans of America  
TechSoup  
The Nonprofit Alliance  
The Volcker Alliance  
Washington Council of Lawyers  
Washington State Office of the Student Loan Advocate