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In response to the PSLF Coalition’s letter requesting the PSLF temporary waiver be extended beyond its Oct. 31, 2022 deadline, PSLF Coalition allies shared the following statements:

“Time is running out for the administration to extend the PSLF Temporary Waiver. We owe it to borrowers to have every opportunity to apply for and earn loan forgiveness in recognition of their years of public service. We have been working hard to reach those eligible for PSLF, and while our coalition has reached hundreds of thousands of borrowers through webinars and other outreach, we also know that our work has only just begun. We appreciate the administration’s efforts to help borrowers earn forgiveness, but there has not been sufficient time or information for borrowers built in since the waiver was announced to submit the required information by October 31. As a leader of the PSLF Coalition, we urge the President to extend the limited waiver through July 2023 so that those committed to serving their communities may be relieved of their student debt in recognition of their years of public service.”

- **Aoife Delargy-Lowe**
Vice President Law School Engagement and Advocacy, Equal Justice Works

“The Biden-Harris administration’s Public Service Loan Forgiveness waiver has been a game-changer for public service workers, who were promised by former President George W. Bush that if they stayed in public service for 10 years, the rest of their student loans would be forgiven. Betsy DeVos made that promise a joke, with 98 percent of the people who applied getting denied. The current administration’s waiver made up for the failing system and ensured that a promise made is actually a promise kept for hundreds of thousands of teachers and nurses. We’ve heard from countless members who, because of this waiver, have a new lease on life as a result of the relief they’ve earned, and the AFT has been working tirelessly to get the word out about the benefits. But with millions of public service workers in this country and a busy back-to-school season, we simply need more time. We call on the administration to extend the PSLF waiver until the new PSLF regulations, which remove unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles to keep the promise of PSLF, go into effect next year.”

- **Randi Weingarten**
President, AFT

“Thanks to President Biden’s bold leadership, generations of public service workers can finally benefit from debt cancellation long guaranteed under federal law, and millions more have

been placed on the path to debt relief. This is just part of a broader effort by the Biden administration to do right by tens of millions of people struggling under the weight of unaffordable student loan debt—and it has already delivered debt relief to hundreds of thousands of educators, healthcare workers, and other public service workers.

President Biden cannot reverse course and throw public service workers back into the old, broken scheme that routinely turned away nearly every worker who sought debt relief. The administration must immediately extend and expand emergency actions to protect public service workers, along with those benefiting low-income borrowers and millions of others who remain trapped in our broken student loan system."

- **Mike Pierce**
Executive Director, SBPC