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## ***Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Striking Down Biden Administration's Student Loan Debt Forgiveness Plan***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in response to the United States Supreme Court striking down the Biden Administration's student loan debt forgiveness plan:

“The Supreme Court’s ruling will deprive millions of borrowers of the opportunity to lessen the burden of school debt. For our colleagues who have dedicated their lives to serving the public, this will fall even harder, given inflation and the cost of living here in New York City.

“The pause on student loan payments that will lift later this year will amount to a de facto salary cut, and this initiative would have softened that blow for millions of Americans.

“Public defenders and civil legal services employees often shoulder exorbitant amounts of student loan debt, which impedes their ability to remain in public service, pay rent, raise a family, and save for the future.

“We implore the Biden Administration to employ all means necessary to implement other policies that will deliver the relief on student loan debt that our staff and so many others need and rightfully deserve.”

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