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Dear Senators,

On behalf of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and our members nationwide, **we urge you to vote YES on the Congressional Review Act resolution (S.J. Res. 182) overturning the U.S. Department of Education's final rule undermining Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF).**

Congress created PSLF — and Congress should define its terms. Enacted on a bipartisan basis in 2007, PSLF offers loan forgiveness to borrowers who commit years of service in education, health care, and other public-interest fields. Congress deliberately defined qualifying employers through a clear, neutral statutory standard: 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. That predictability is the point.

This rule replaces clear standards with undefined administrative authority. Published October 31, 2025, and effective July 1, 2026, the rule authorizes the Secretary of Education to revoke an employer's PSLF eligibility based on whether the Department determines it engages in activities with a "substantial illegal purpose" — a vague, undefined standard. This shifts power away from Congress and toward whichever administration happens to be in office, creating real uncertainty for borrowers who have already made years of career and financial decisions in reliance on the program.

Program stability matters — for borrowers and for public service. Public servants — teachers, nurses, social workers — make long-term commitments based on PSLF's terms. A rule that lets the Secretary redefine eligibility based on shifting political priorities undermines that reliance. It also sets a precedent that any administration can use the same mechanism to target organizations it disfavors — a risk that should concern members across the political spectrum. The IRS already has authority to revoke nonprofit status for unlawful activity; a separate, parallel Department process is duplicative and unnecessary.

PSLF works best when its rules are stable, neutral, and grounded in clear statutory standards set by Congress — not subject to administrative reinterpretation. For these reasons, **we strongly urge you to vote in favor of S.J. Res. 182.** Cosponsorship and votes associated with this legislation may be scored in the AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record for the 119th Congress.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-728-3300 or kissellm@aauw.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Meghan Kissell".

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