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Honorable Virginia Foxx  
Chairwoman, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Honorable Bobby Scott  
Ranking Member, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Dear Chairwoman Foxx and Ranking Member Scott:

On behalf of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and our 25,000 members, I am writing to express our strong support for maintaining the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF). The Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform Act has proposed the elimination of this program that we believe will be harmful to the future of maintaining a robust cadre of public service employees. PSLF was created in 2007 to inspire graduates to enter public service. Professionals that could be eligible to have their loans forgiven under PSLF include school psychologists who work every day to ensure that children and youth have access to the comprehensive supports, including mental and behavioral health services, they need to thrive.

Graduate education is a requirement to practice as a school psychologist. As the cost of higher education continues to rise, PSLF helps relieve students who choose a career in public service of some of their student loan debt. To be sure, 120 consecutive payments toward the balance of their student loans, coupled with full time employment with a government or nonprofit organization, is required before loans can be forgiven. Knowing they will not be saddled with student loan debt for most of their adult life can help drive students to choose a career in public service. This program is critical to ensure we have a robust school psychology workforce. Currently, a shortage of school psychologists exist in many parts of the country at the same time that the Bureau of Labor Statistics is predicting a growing demand for employees with at least some graduate training. Now is the time to eliminate financial barriers to graduate education and make it accessible to more students- especially those choosing to devote their lives to public service careers.

I urge you to maintain authorization of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program to help ensure a robust workforce of public service employees who provide vital services and supports to our nation's children and youth. If you have any questions, or would like to speak further, please contact Kelly Vaillancourt Strobach, NASP Director of Government Relations ([kvaillancourt@naspweb.org](mailto:kvaillancourt@naspweb.org)).

Sincerely,

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cc: House Committee on Education and the Workforce