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## **LDF Issues Statement on Student Loan Repayment Pause Extension**

Today, the Biden administration announced that it would extend its pause on student loan repayments — which were scheduled to resume on February 1, 2022 — for an additional 90 days.

Citing the continuing hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the administration said the extension would not end until May 1, 2022, at the earliest.

In response, Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel of the [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.](#) (LDF), issued the following statement:

“We are deeply gratified that the President and Vice-President recognized the importance of continuing this critical relief for young people struggling under the overwhelming burdens of student debt. Our economy can only be strong when we secure the active engagement and financial stability of young adults. This is an important and welcome announcement.”

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