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- Issue Paper: [Defend the Department of Education's Borrower Defense Rule](#) (2017)
- Updated Report: [Ensuring Educational Integrity: 10 Steps to Improve State Oversight of For-Profit Schools](#) (2014) [Update to Step 2: Protecting Online Education Students](#) (2015)
- [Improving college success for poor students](#) (2014)
- [The Sallie Mae Saga: A Government-Created, Student Debt Fueled Profit Machine](#) (2014)
- [Searching for Relief: Desperate Borrowers and the Growing Student Loan "Debt Relief" Industry](#) (2013)
- [The Student Loan Default Trap](#) (2012)
- [State Inaction: Gaps in State Oversight of For-Profit Higher Education](#) (2011)
- [Piling It On: The Growth of Proprietary School Loans and the Consequences for Students](#) (2011)

Comments

- [Legal Aid Coalition Comments to the Dep't of Education re: Proposed Deregulatory Rulemaking on Higher Ed Consumer Protections](#), Sep. 14, 2018
- Legal Aid Coalition Comments to the Dep't of Education re: Proposed Regulations on Gainful Employment, Sep. 13, 2018
Legal Aid Coalition Comments to DOE re: [Proposed Regulations on Borrower Defenses and Use of Forced Arbitration by Schools in the Direct Loan Program, and Proposed Amendments to Closed School and False Certification Discharge Regulations](#), Aug. 30, 2018
- Civil Rights Coalition Comments [in opposition to the Department of Education's proposed rewrite of the Borrower Defense Rule](#), Aug. 30, 2018
- [Comments from 80 Groups Urging Department to Adopt Stronger Borrower Defense Rule and Opposing Proposed Rule](#), Aug. 30, 2018
- NCLC Comments Re: [Proposed Delay of Program Integrity and Improvement, State Authorization of Distance Education Regulations](#), June 11, 2018
- NCLC [Comments on Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions](#), February 23, 2018

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- [Coalition letter to Sens. Hassan & Durbin in Support of PROTECT Students Act](#), 2, 2019
- [NCLC replied to a letter](#) by Senators Jones, Warren, Harris, and Cortez Masto requesting ideas on how to address racial disparities in student debt and the broader challenges faced by students of color in college and career training, Feb. 15, 2019
- [Coalition letter](#) to the U.S. Department of Education on the Department's failure to protect Education Corporation of America students (disproportionately students of color) leading up to the for-profit school's closure, Jan. 17, 2019
- [Coalition Letter to Department of Education Calling for Actions to Assist Students Impacted by Abrupt Closures of ECA and Vatterott College](#), Jan. 8, 2019
- [Coalition Letter to Department of Education on the Gainful Employment Disclosure Template](#), Jan. 7, 2019
- [Letter to Sec. DeVos Requesting Guidance and Implementation of State Authorization of](#)

[Distance Education Rule](#), March 26, 2018

- Civil Rights and Education Groups: Students of Color Must Be Protected from For-Profit College Exploitation: [Civil Rights Community Opposes Repeal of Gainful Employment Rule](#), Sept. 13, 2018
- [Coalition Letter to Dep't of Education: Deregulatory Agenda Will Weaken Critical Protections for Students](#), Sep. 13, 2018

Press Releases

- Press Release: [Advocates: Dept. of Education Plan to Redo Rule that Protects Students Harmed by Illegal School Conduct Falls Short](#), Jan. 18, 2019
- Press Release: [After Multiple Lawsuits and Court Order, Education Department Finally Agrees to Provide Relief to Students Hurt By School Closures](#), Dec. 14, 2018
- [Statement of NCLC attorney Abby Shafroth re: U.S. Department of Education Proposal to Abandon Rule Protecting Students and Taxpayers from Schools that Fail to Deliver Value](#), Aug. 10, 2018

Litigation

- *National Consumer Law Center v. U.S. Department of Education*, April 19, 2018, [Complaint](#)
The National Consumer Law Center filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for Massachusetts against the U.S. Department of Education for records related to its purported justification for delaying implementation of a rule to protect student loan borrowers from school fraud and abuse, including records of communications between agency officials and representatives of the for-profit college industry. NCLC filed a FOIA request for these records last summer and received limited, heavily redacted materials in response. NCLC asks the court to declare that the Department's search was inadequate and its withholding of the records is unlawful, and to order the agency to make the requested records available without delay. Public Citizen is serving as co-counsel on the case.
- [Amicus Curiae Brief of Public Law Center, NCLC, Public Counsel in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction in Case Challenging Dep't of Education's Abandonment of Full Loan Relief for Defrauded Corinthian Students](#) (*Manriquez v. DeVos*, April 16, 2018)
- [Amici Curiae Brief of National Consumer Law Center and 17 organizations in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment in Case Challenging Department of Education's Delay of Borrower Defense Rule](#) (Commonwealth of Mass. et al v. Department of Education, September 28, 2017)
- [Amici Curiae Brief of National Consumer Law Center and 17 organizations in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment in Case Challenging Department of Education's Delay of Borrower Defense Rule](#) (Bauer v. DeVos, September 28, 2017)

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