CAUSE Advisory

AFT - Student Loan Lawsuit

Have you experienced challenges with student loan debt?

Greetings Union Members,

Many members are struggling daily to pay off student loan debt and make ends meet. In fact, for many members, student loan debt has reached a crisis point.

Our affiliate, the American Federation of Teacher (AFT), has learned that the student loan servicer <u>Navient</u> may be giving AFT members misleading information about eligibility for programs that may reduce their student loan payments or eliminate their student loan debt. The AFT is exploring legal action on behalf of members like yourselves who have been harmed by these practices. It is looking for members in California who may be willing to join a class action lawsuit.

Such members would need to meet the following criteria:

* Have **<u>Navient</u>** as their federal student loan servicer;

* Live in or took out federal student loans in CA;

* Have contacted **<u>Navient</u>** to ask about student loan forgiveness for public service employees within the last four years; and

* Are currently working in a public or private school, for the government, or for a nonprofit organization (such as CUSD).

If you fit the above description, and would be willing to participate in the lawsuit to hold <u>Navient</u> accountable, please <u>fill out this brief questionnaire</u>.

AFT will then reach out to you to learn more about your experiences with Navient. Any information you share will be kept strictly confidential unless you give your express permission.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. The California Federation of Teachers (CFT) believes it is time for <u>Navient</u> to stop putting profits over public service employees' livelihoods.

Thank you,

~ CAUSE Leadership

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